



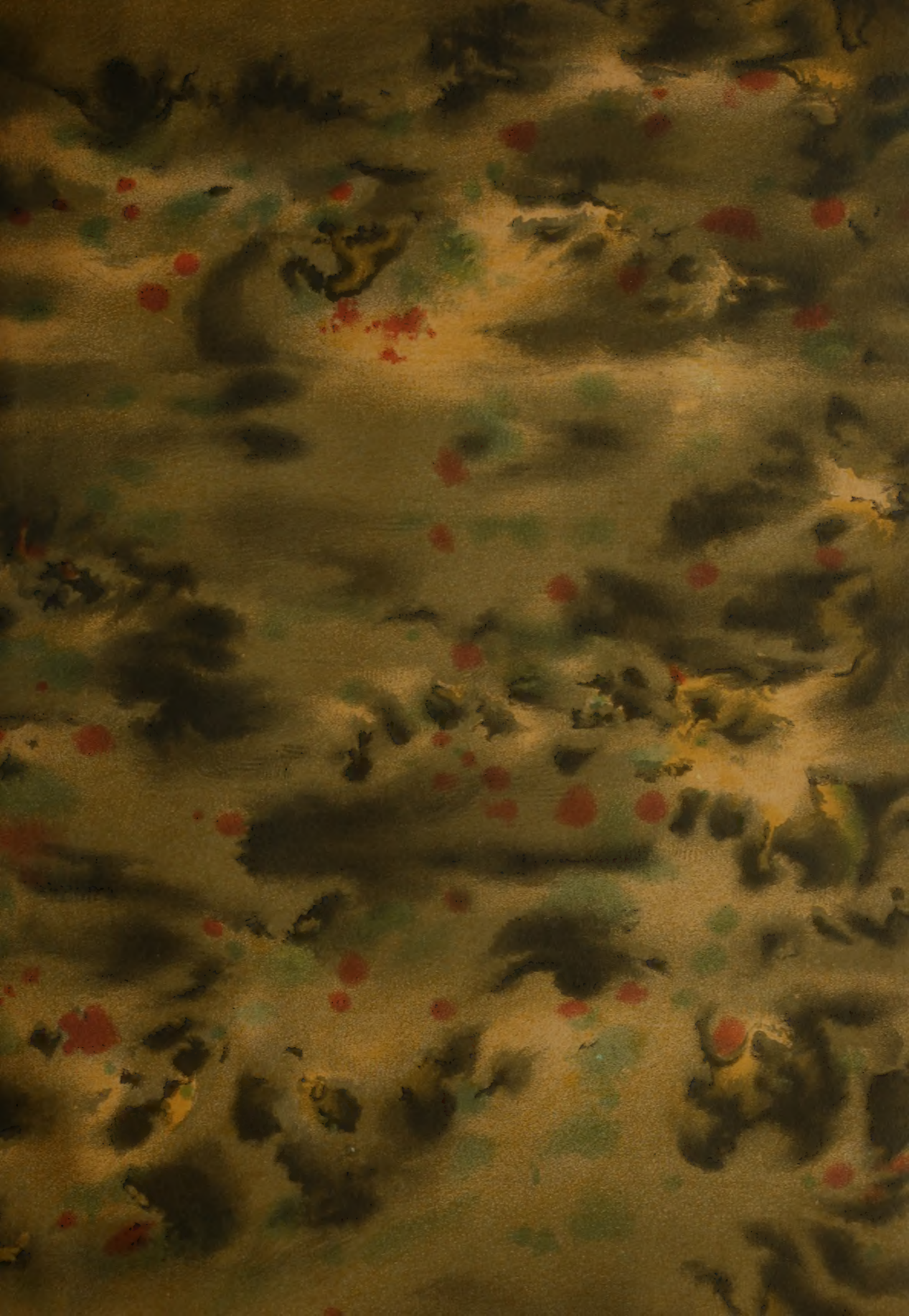


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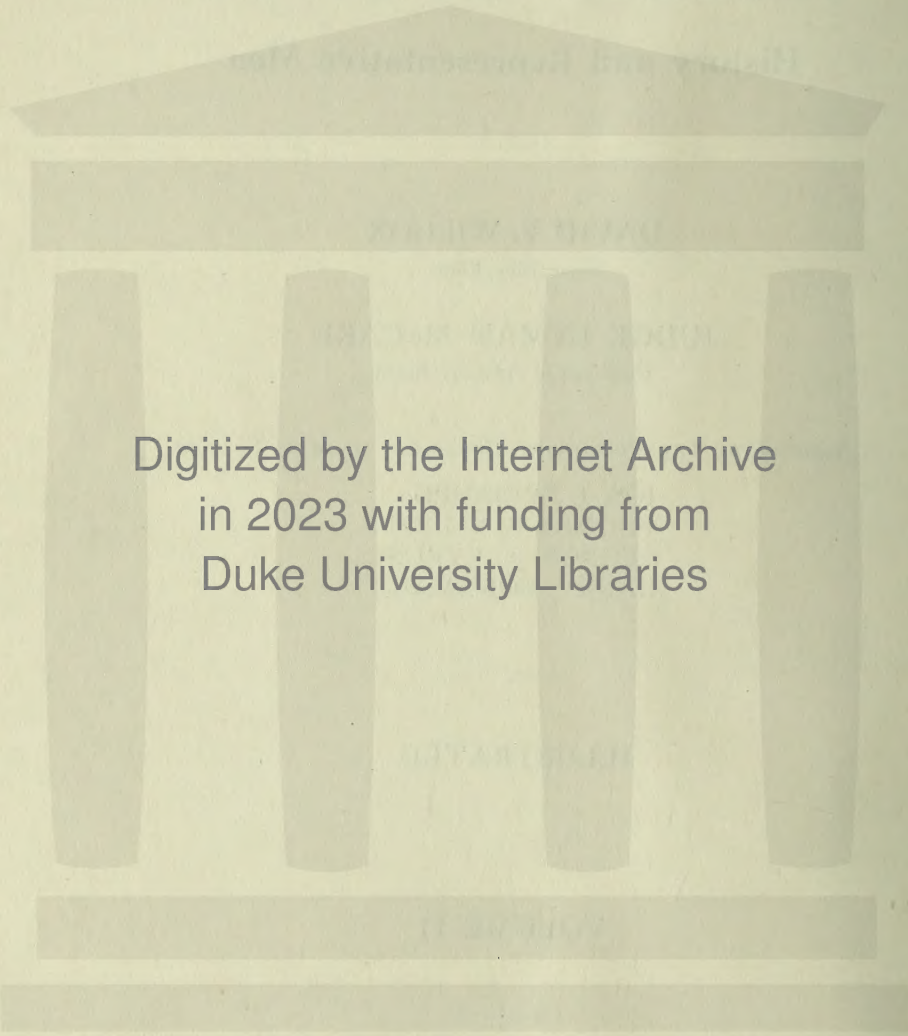
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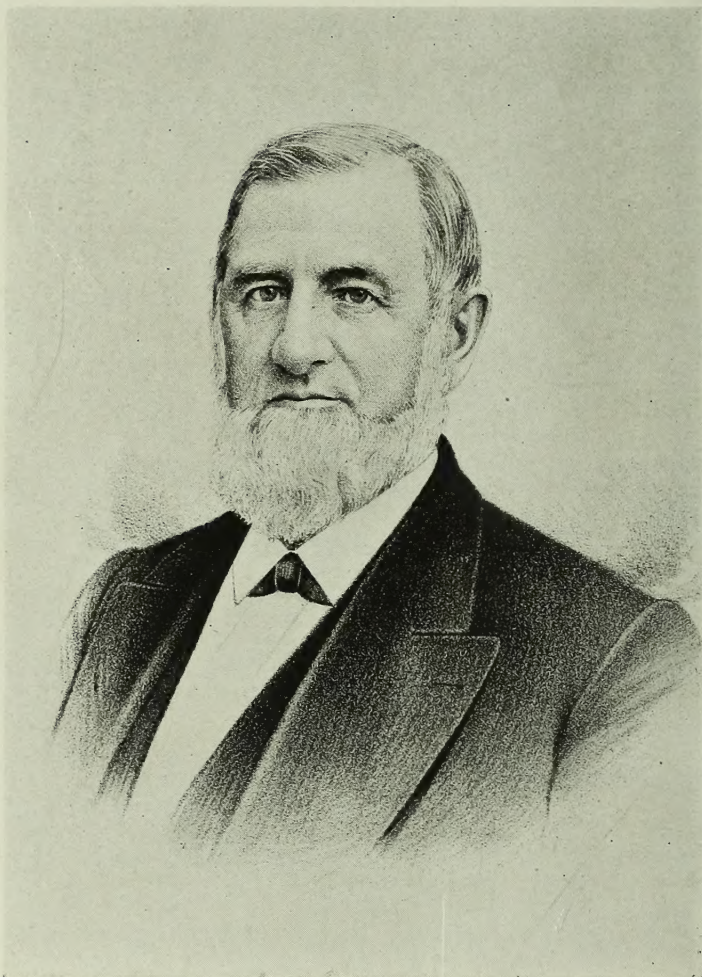


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## History of Quincy and Adams County

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EDWARD WELLS. A life of peculiar power and significance in enriching the business and civic development of Quincy from pioneer times was that of the late Edward Wells, manufacturer, business man and banker. Some of the steadying qualities of his enterprise and character are felt even today in the city. There is no need of apology for telling briefly the story of this Quincy citizen, since it is in truth a vital part of Quincy's history.

It is from Thomas Wells that the Quincy branch of the family is descended. Thomas was born in Essex County, England, in 1605, and in 1635, at the age of thirty, set sail from Ipswich, England, and landing in Massachusetts joined the little colony at Agawam, which the colonists soon named Ipswich. Thomas Wells took his freeman's oath May 17, 1637, and soon built his substantial frame dwelling which was still standing as late as 1850. Besides his growing interests as a property holder he was a stalwart member of the noted Ipswich Church and was also magistrate and physician. Many of the early records referred to him as distinguished in different capacities. He died October 26, 1666.

Samuel Williams Wells, father of Edward Wells of Quincy, was born at Newbury June 12, 1774. During his life he was chiefly distinguished for his rare scholarship and ability as a teacher. He died June 30, 1851, at the age of seventy-seven.

Edward Wells was born at Newbury March 23, 1813, and was named for his maternal grandfather, Edward Swasey Wells. He acquired a strong distaste for double Christian names, and in Quincy was always known simply as Edward Wells. The following story of his life is largely made up of quotations from his published biography.

In childhood Edward Wells gave evidence of the push, energy and courage which led him in early manhood to leave the beaten way of men and go out across the mountains to make a name, place and home for himself on the confines of civilization. At the age of fourteen he sought and obtained employment with a rope maker in his native town, who perceiving in him the promise of unusual business ability endeavored to retain his services, when at the end of the year he gave notice of his intention to withdraw, by offers of immediate promotion and eventually a share in the business. But the lad wanted a larger field for the exercise of his powers than a rope walk in an old town that had ceased to grow.

Influenced by these considerations, young Edward Wells packed his modest box, said good-bye to his employer and home friends, and on the top of the stage coach that plied semi-weekly between his native town and Boston made his first trip to that famous city. On India Wharf he found a cooper by the name of Lang, who, attracted doubtless by the lad's business-like manner, agreed to take him as apprentice till the time of his majority. Then followed seven busy years, in the course of which the lad not only acquired a knowledge of his craft and satisfied the master whom he was bound to serve, but by

working overtime as the opportunity offered earned \$100, which, bit by bit, as it was gathered, he sacredly set aside to give him a start in business when the days of his service should be over.

In the last days of his indenture the young apprentice belonged to the city fire department and the Mechanic's Library Association, and whether sitting in solemn conclave with the members of the latter organization or taking his turn at the old hand engine in the smoke of a city fire, was equally willing, energetic and helpful.

After the terms of his indenture were fulfilled he worked at his trade, boarding somewhere on Fort Hill, waiting the opportunity to invest the savings of his years of apprenticeship. In April, 1834, he writes to a sister, "I shall remain here but six months longer unless there is some great change in the prospects that are before me." No change for the better seems to have taken place, for in October of the same year we find him, equipped with a new stock of clothing and tools, purchased with part of his savings, the remainder of the \$100 in his pocket, and the blessings of his father and home friends in his heart, cutting himself adrift from the moorings of familiar scenes and launching out into the unknown West.

In October, 1833, Capt. Nathaniel Pease, a man of great energy and enterprise, who had been trading in Cleveland, Ohio, and other points on the lakes, made his way to the little town of Quincy in Adams County, Illinois, bought 300 hogs, had them slaughtered and packed and carried them off to sell in other places. Succeeding in this venture and deciding that Quincy was well located and destined to grow, he determined to return with his family and settle there permanently. His home was in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In the spring when his plans for emigration were nearly perfected young Edward Wells met him, heard his story, and concluded to join his party which was to start in the fall.

Thus it is we find him on a mild October day saying good-bye to friends, and boarding the train for Providence and the West. At that time, as the railway system was in its infancy, connections were uncertain and accommodations limited. \* \* \* They journeyed from Boston to Providence by rail, from Providence to Amboy by boat, and then by rail from Amboy to Philadelphia, from Philadelphia to Baltimore, and from Baltimore over the mountains to the Ohio River. Down this stream they voyaged by steamer, frequently delayed by low water, and helped over the sandbars, where they grounded, by men who worked day after day in the water for the low wage of 3 shillings. They passed at times through a noiseless woodland solitude and boundless prairies level and lonely as the sea. The boat was run by no schedule. It stopped anywhere to let passengers off, at a creek, a cabin or a young busy town. It tied up wherever it was convenient to wait for wood to be cut and loaded or repairs to be made. Waiting for repairs seems in fact to have absorbed a great deal of the time of those early steamboat trips. Finally they reached the Mississippi and boarded an upward-bound steamer for the last stage of their journey.

Quincy at that time contained only about 500 inhabitants. There were some half dozen very respectable frame houses, a good many log cabins, a log courthouse and jail, several smaller frame houses, two small brick dwellings and a frame tavern. An infant town indeed, but its location on the Mississippi in a region unsurpassed for fertility and productiveness, with an unlimited supply of building stone in its bluffs and timber on the islands and margin of the river, gave promise not only of rapid but continuous growth.

Into this town incorporated but four months previously entered young Edward Wells, wearied with a thirty-four days' journey, slightly homesick, destitute of money except for a single silver dollar, but well furnished with Yankee ingenuity, pluck, energy and determination to succeed. Like his Puritan ancestor he stepped into a new world, consecrated to the task of helping to



redeem it from the wilderness and make it blossom with all the beauty of civilization.

Failing to find work at his trade he took hold of any honorable employment that presented itself. I have heard him say that having a thorough knowledge of but one trade he had worked at all. He learned by observation what he did not discover by a fine mechanical sense that was his in no common measure. That first winter was uncommonly mild, a contrast to the cold and storm of the New England Coast, until the 28th of January, when a cold wave passed over Illinois and Kentucky that pulled the mercury down to 32° below zero, killed or injured nearly all the fruit trees, and brought death to large numbers of horses, cattle and hogs.

In the spring of 1835 Edward Wells formed a partnership in the cooper business with James D. Morgan, a friend who had followed him from Boston. \* \* \* Mr. Morgan having a wife and child took up his abode in a log cabin, but the younger member of the firm lived in the shop, his modest housekeeping arrangements hidden by a curtain from the business end of the establishment. To coopering he applied himself with characteristic energy for a few years. His work brought him into relations with the pork packers, and seeing in their business a wider opportunity for the accumulation of wealth he discontinued his partnership with Mr. Morgan and began to pack and ship pork. In 1839 he was one of four pork packers who packed 5,000 hogs, in 1840 one of four who packed 4,000, in 1842, one of four who packed 7,000, in 1843 one of four who packed 20,000, and in 1846 one of four who packed 10,000. Afterwards he engaged in business on a more extensive scale and laid the foundations of a fortune to which he added by judicious operations in real estate in Chicago.

Though possessed in a remarkable degree of the business instincts which detect success or failure at the outset, his judgment was not always infallible in those early years of his business career. Twice, through the failures of other men, he lost everything he had accumulated, and twice with undaunted courage he began to build anew. It was perhaps while waiting an opportunity to start a place in his chosen career that he went into the solitude of the Des Moines River to trade with the Indians, made trips to New Orleans to dispose of produce, and even served as mate on a Mississippi steamboat. He was never at a loss for employment of some kind. In a letter written in 1839 to his father he refers to the growth of the city: "Quincy is still improving. If we keep on a few years longer we shall have a place larger than Newburyport. There has been a great deal of emigration to this country this year. We now have six different religious denominations, Congregational, Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, Unitarian and Catholic. So you see there are plenty of chances to go to church if a person is so disposed." About this time Edward Wells united with a few others in founding the Unitarian Church, of which Rev. George Moore was the first settled minister. Edward Wells continued for more than fifty years not only a regular attendant but a stay and support, giving with bounteous hand in response to all calls for help. Nor did he waiver when in the last years of his life the financial burden of the church rested largely on his shoulders.

With his advent into the town Edward Wells joined the volunteer fire department, which he served as chief for one term. Old "No. 1," which was purchased some time between 1837 and 1840 for the sum of \$1,125, felt his hand in those early famous fires on Hampshire Street and "under the hill" as well as in less noted blazes.

From the time of his majority he gave himself with diligence to the study of the political situation, allying himself in turn with the whig and republican parties. In the log cabin campaign of 1840 he was a delegate to county conventions that endorsed the nomination of "Tippecanoe and Tyler too."

Though successful in multiplying into a fortune the silver dollar which

constituted his capital when he disembarked at Quincy in 1834, his energies were not all given to personal gain. He was a leading spirit in all projects for the advancement of the city of his adoption, which he saw develop from a town of 500 inhabitants into a large and flourishing center of trade. For many years he was greatly interested in procuring railroad connections, and became personally acquainted with the prominent railroad men of the country. He succeeded in getting the Pennsylvania Central to agree to come to Quincy; but before the purpose could crystallize into action success became failure through the secret sale of the Quincy and Warsaw Road, with which the connection was to be made. Still he did not lose heart nor did he become discouraged when negotiations for connections with the Baltimore & Ohio roads came to naught; but spurred by failure and broadened by contact with men of wider experience, took up the work again with a zeal that compelled success. He was the originator and principal factor in the passing of the bill through Congress for the building of the railroad bridge across the Mississippi River at Quincy in 1864, spending weeks in Washington while engaged in this work. In the drafting of this bill he insisted on a clause which was original with him, that all roads should have right of way over the approaches to bridges and thus prevented for all time excessive tollage or monopoly. He was at one time president of the Quincy & Warsaw Railroad Company, and was on terms of intimacy and influence with J. L. Joy of the Wabash Railway for many years.

Though all his life intensely interested in the political affairs of city, state and nation, the subject of this sketch resolutely refused political office. One term as alderman from the Third Ward is his meager record. His counsel was sought by men who held office as well as by men who walked the quiet paths of private life. He was well acquainted with Lincoln, Douglas, O. H. Browning, W. A. Richardson, Richard Yates, John A. Logan, General Sherman and many others of world wide reputation. He had large influence in both state and national capitals, which was used effectively but quietly, and without making himself so prominent as to antagonize others. He sought no reward, remaining silent while others appropriated credit that belonged to him. From the formation of the party he was an uncompromising republican, as he had been for years a subscriber to the principles on which it was founded. In war time he was intensely loyal, sending two substitutes to the field and spending money freely in the cause. Director of the First National Bank of Quincy for a long period, his wise counsels, founded on his accurate knowledge of the finances of that institution, made it a paying bank as long as he was in office. He was a stockholder in the Quincy Gas Works, the Newcomb Hotel Company, Quincy Savings Bank, Library Association, director of the Vandiver Corn Planter Company, which he helped to organize, and officially connected with many other business, improvement and charity organizations of the city.

Edward Wells did not fail to keep up close associations with his old New England home. He journeyed back to Newburyport in 1840, and again in 1848 and his third and fourth visits were made in the summers of 1856 and 1858. From 1858 Edward Wells journeyed eastward every summer with the exception of two until his death in 1892, his party increasing to sixteen and eighteen as children were given to his married sons and daughters. The heated term was passed at some resort on the Massachusetts or New Hampshire Coast, and the month of September in Boston, where his youngest sister had removed with her family in 1859; while some portion of the holiday was invariably spent in the birthtown of his mother, which was always regarded by her wandering son with affectionate interest. These annual returns to the sea were the only occasion of recreation in the life of a very busy man: for though he retired from active business when he was but little over fifty years old, his transactions in real estate and his interest in corporations and institutions called for ever increasing mental activity.

On May 16, 1892, Edward Wells suddenly passed away. On the day pre-



ceding, a Sunday, he attended church apparently in his usual health and spirits. The Quincy Whig said editorially at the time: "Mr. Wells was a man of fine presence, kindly manners, and so active and interested in the details of the world's life that although he had nearly touched four score years he never impressed one as an old man. He was active in his church, the Unitarian, of which in this city he was a pioneer member, active in politics, attending even the primary meetings of his party, the republican, as regularly as when it came into existence, keenly alive to everything that affected the credit, the good name or the prosperity of the city in which he had lived so long, and maintaining his social interests to a degree that made him a congenial companion to young and old alike. He was a man of unblemished integrity, a prudent and sagacious adviser, a firm and faithful friend, and his life contact with men in these relations will make him widely missed, but nowhere will he be so sorely missed as in the home which was, after all, the chief object of his affection and devotion."

March 19, 1836, at Quincy, Edward Wells married Mary Babson Evans. Her father, Capt. Robert Evans, was born near Germantown, Pennsylvania, in 1784, had migrated from Boston to Adams County in 1835, and died at the home of Edward Wells in Quincy in 1866. As a youth he ran away from home to become a sailor and was a vessel master and captain of a privateer during the War of 1812 and had many strenuous adventures, ending with his capture and imprisonment at Dartmoor Prison in England to the close of the war.

April 11, 1813, before making this final cruise, Captain Evans married Betsey Babson Haven, a widow. She was born at Gloucester, Massachusetts, and died at Quincy in 1855. The Babsons were among the first settlers of Gloucester. Captain and Betsey Evans had four children, George, Mary B., James L. and Harriett. Mary was born at Gloucester March 3, 1819. After the War of 1812 Captain Evans was engaged in the West India trade for some years, and in 1835 joined the tide of emigration that brought him to the banks of the Mississippi. He first bought a farm near Bloomfield, twelve miles from Quincy, but was soon discouraged by the loneliness of the place and the homesickness of his family and removed to Quincy. Learning of the presence of a Massachusetts family in that locality, Edward Wells rode out to call at their country home. It was then he first saw young Mary Evans. She was barely sixteen, slender, fair, with waving masses of soft dark hair, a dimpled smile and a reticent manner. Captain Evans bought a house on the corner of Eighth and Hampshire streets in Quincy, and there Edward Wells and Mary Evans were married. After boarding for a time Mr. and Mrs. Wells had their first independent home in a small house near the corner of Sixth Street and Broadway. Several years later they moved to a substantial brick house at 408 Jersey Street and about 1860 moved to 421 Jersey Street, the home where he died.

His wife, Mary, survived him less than two years, passing away March 27, 1894. Her death also came suddenly, from heart disease. Of her the family biographer has written:

"Mary Wells was distinctively a home woman. To her immediate family and a narrow circle of relatives and friends she gave herself with devotion. She was interested in what was going on in the world and in her home nook informed herself of affairs and gave utterance to very decided opinions concerning them. Her charities, which were large, were dispensed without ostentation, as were those of her husband; and that she saw the woes and needs of humanity even more clearly than he did was evidenced by the fact that she frequently told him where to bestow his bounty. Too proud to disclose the need of sympathy, she hid personal loss and sorrow as well as personal gain and joy under a quiet exterior, giving the careless observer the impression that she lacked in sensibility. Only those who knew her best ever measured the depths of her feelings. She was shy of thanks, but took delight in seeing her gifts used and appreciated. She helped to build the structure of her hus-

band's prosperity by self denial and faithful administration of home affairs. One of the organizers of the Unitarian Church in Quincy, she was for nearly sixty years quietly active in maintaining its interests and extending its influence. Her creed, like that of her church, was to be sincere and do good."

The children of Edward and Mary Wells were: Eliza Ann, born July 2, 1838, died April 29, 1839; Mary Eliza, born March 22, 1840, died September 20, 1854; Edward, born December 21, 1841, died November 3, 1849; Harriet, born February 28, 1844, died April 14, 1846; George, born August 22, 1846, whose life record is told in other paragraphs; Frank, born March 28, 1849, for thirty years a prominent business man of Chicago; Ella, born November 10, 1852, married James Russell Smith, a leading figure in business and politics at Quincy for many years; and Kate, born June 22, 1857, who married William Russell Lockwood.

GEORGE WELLS, long prominent in financial and business affairs at Quincy, and associated with Major James Adams as mortgage bankers, is the oldest living child of the late Edward Wells.

He was born August 22, 1846, at Quincy, on the site of the present armory. He attended private schools in his native town to the age of thirteen, and was then put in school at Kingston, Massachusetts. He has always led a very active life and though now past the age of three score and ten has every appearance of the man of fifty. At the age of sixteen he entered his father's pork packing establishment and remained in that line of business until 1879. From 1869 to 1876, during the summer months he also manufactured canned goods and pickles. From 1880 to 1886 Mr. Wells was in the grocery business, but in the latter year formed his partnership with Major Adams under the name Wells & Adams, mortgage bankers. About 1860 his father had bought the present Wells Building, which was erected in 1856 at the corner of Main and Fifth streets. This building was subsequently remodeled by George Wells, and it is now his office headquarters.

Mr. Wells inherits his father's interest in the republican party as well as his aversion to holding political office. He is one of the prominent Masons of the city, serving as Master of Quincy Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in 1888-89, and for a number of years was eminent commander of El Aksa Commandery of Knights Templar. He has also served as a trustee of the Anna Brown Home for the Aged and is a trustee and official for the Woodland Home for the Friendless and Orphans. In 1909 Mr. Wells built a beautiful home on Twentieth Street, where he has a spacious house surrounded by ample grounds, one of the homes that give dignity to a beautiful residential section. Mr. Wells and all his family are members of the Unitarian Church.

August 29, 1869, at New York, George Wells married Sarah Jane Castle, only daughter of Dr. Edward G. Castle of Quincy. Doctor Castle and wife were both born at Carlisle, England, and came to Quincy in 1849. Doctor Castle was a well educated and trained physician in English schools and institutions, and was regarded as one of the foremost physicians and surgeons of the city for many years. During the war he was busily engaged in local hospital service. Doctor Castle died in September, 1880, at the age of sixty-five. He married Jane Carrick, who survived him about ten years. She was of a fine old English family, her father, David Carrick, having been an English banker.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wells had eight children, four of whom are still living. Edward Castle Wells, the oldest, born June 27, 1871, was educated in Massachusetts from the age of fourteen, graduating from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1892 and receiving his degree in mechanical engineering before his twenty-first birthday. For a number of years he was connected with the firm of Wells & Adams, mortgage bankers at Quincy, but in the fall of 1913 moved to Dayton, Ohio, and has since been head of the Platt Iron Works of that





*George Wells.*





city. He married, October 17, 1895, Mary Caroline Brookings, of Boston, and they have two sons and two daughters.

James Russell Wells, second child of George Wells, was born September 11, 1872. His twin brother, Albert George, died in infancy. James R. Wells after his fourteenth year attended private schools in Massachusetts, graduated from Dummer Academy in 1891, and studied architecture and design in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Boston Art School. For about a year after completing his education he followed his profession in Boston, but has since been connected with the firm of Wells & Adams and is busied with handling his father's varied interests. November 8, 1898, he married Henrietta Rosamond Eaton, and they have four sons and one daughter.

The fourth and fifth sons of Mr. George Wells were named Willie George and Frank Harrison, and were born respectively December 4, 1873, and June 21, 1875. Both died in infancy. The sixth son was Charles Lawrence, born January 19, 1883, and elsewhere referred to in this publication. The only daughter of the family was Harriet Evans, born July 28, 1884. She had a twin brother, who lived only a few months. Harriet is now the wife of Lafayette D. Musselman of Quincy.

CHARLES LAWRENCE WELLS, sixth son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wells and a grandson of the late Edward Wells of Quincy, is one of the most prominent younger men of the city, a leading spirit in all public movements and a constructive factor in all that makes for advancement in this section of the state. He inherits much of the enterprise and vigor of his grandfather, but has directed them largely to civic interests.

He was born at Quincy January 19, 1883, and like his older brothers was educated chiefly in the East. He attended the noted Lawrenceville School in New Jersey, also the Phillips Academy at Exeter, New Hampshire, and in the fall of 1903 entered Harvard University, from which he graduated in 1907. After his return to Quincy he became identified with his father's business, and is still connected with the firm Wells & Adams, Mortgage Bankers.

In June, 1910, he was appointed by the mayor to the City Board of Local Improvements, and was one of its executive committee until 1912. During that time the board effected a great deal of permanent improvement in the city, especially in constructing new streets, sidewalks and sewers and doing probably more in this line of improvement than Quincy has ever had at any similar period before or since. In 1912 Mr. Wells was appointed a member of the Boulevard and Park Association and is a member of the executive committee of that organization.

He has served as secretary of the Civic League, and through this organization has done some of his best work for the city. Mr. Wells since May, 1916, has been president of the Woodlawn Cemetery Association, having succeeded his father, who had been president for many years. This is the oldest and finest cemetery in the city. It is owned by the city, but is cared for by the Cemetery Association, which was organized thirty-six years ago.

Mr. Wells is one of the most enthusiastic Masons in Western Illinois. He has been junior deacon of his lodge, illustrious master of Quincy Council No. 15, Royal and Select Masters, high priest of the Royal Arch Chapter, active in the Knight Templar Commandery No. 77, and a member of the Quincy Consistory of Scottish Rite. During the winter of 1918 Mr. Wells served as chairman of the local fuel administration under John E. Williams of Chicago, state chairman. Mr. Wells is independent in politics, and is a member of the Unitarian Church.

In November, 1915, he married Miss Lois D. Benton, who was born in Quincy, daughter of Joel Benton. Mrs. Wells is a highly cultured woman, was educated in the Quincy High School, at Davenport, Iowa, and finished her education in the Mason School at Tarrytown, New York.

JOHN ROBERT LAUGHLIN is one of Mendon Township's oldest native citizens, has been a leading and prominent stockman for half a century, and the esteem in which he is generally held is well expressed by his fellow citizens in their reference to him as "Bob" Laughlin, and when Bob Laughlin's opinion is expressed on some matter of farming or stock raising or community affairs it receives all the consideration and respect which is its proper due.

The Laughlins as a family have been well known in northern Adams County since pioneer times. John Robert Laughlin was born on a farm four miles northwest of Mendon January 15, 1841. The old house in which he was born is still standing. His parents were Benjamin and Sarah (Robinson) Laughlin. Benjamin Laughlin was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, in 1806, a son of John Laughlin, who came to America from Ireland.

In 1831, when Quincy contained only three houses, John Laughlin and his four sons, William, Wilson, Benjamin and Johnson, rode into this region on horseback and prospected over the surrounding country until they had satisfied themselves with some choice tracts of land, which then could be obtained by merely entering at the land office and paying the stated fee of a dollar and a quarter per acre. In the same fall Benjamin Laughlin began the erection of a double log house in which his son John Robert was born some ten years later. However, after their tour of inspection the Laughlins returned to Kentucky, and there busied themselves with the contriving of a flatboat on which they brought their household goods and their people to St. Louis, and from there up the river by steamboat to Adams County. Besides the four brothers mentioned there were two unmarried sisters. Sarah, one of these, afterwards married James Rankin and lived near Breckenridge in Hancock County, Illinois. Violet, the other daughter, married Matt Forsythe, and lived in Hancock County near the Adams County line.

John Laughlin, the father of the four brothers, bought land near Ursa, and this land was occupied by his son Johnson, who died there at the age of sixty years. This Ursa Township farm was about five or six miles distant from the place of settlement of the Laughlin family in Mendon Township. John, the grandfather, lived with his sons until his death when about eighty-seven or eighty-eight years of age. His second wife survived him some years and his first wife and the mother of his children died in Kentucky. Three brothers, William, Benjamin and Wilson, all settled adjoining farms in Mendon Township. Wilson married Ellen Hightower, and he died on his farm at the age of sixty-five and his widow subsequently lived in Quincy but died at Mendon. This farm has since been sold. It adjoined the place of Bob Laughlin on the east. William Laughlin's farm lay east of that of his brother Wilson. William Laughlin was honored with many township offices, and died in Mendon at the age of seventy-five. None of his children remain in Adams County. A daughter of Wilson Laughlin is the widow of Charles Miller, of Mendon. Johnson Laughlin also left no survivors.

Benjamin Laughlin spent his life on his father's farm, and also bought the 160 acres adjoining on the north and at his father's death acquired his tract of two hundred twenty acres. He also owned a farm of two hundred sixty acres in Ursa Township which had been previously operated by his brother Johnson. With all this land under his control he carried on farming operations in proportion, and was one of the leading cattle raisers and feeders in the county. He was permitted a long life and died at the age of eighty-six. He is buried in the Franklin Cemetery. He had laid out this cemetery on some of his own land, and named it Franklin for his own middle name. This cemetery was at the Free Will Baptist Church, an organization that has since been disbanded, though the old church is still standing. Benjamin's wife, Sarah Robinson Laughlin, died in 1916, at the age of eighty-six. Their family consisted of five sons and two daughters, four of whom reached maturity: William, who left Mendon a number of years ago and moved to Chariton County, Missouri,



where he died and where his widow and sons still live; the second in age is John Robert; Benjamin, a farmer in this vicinity, died at Marcelline, one of the inland villages of Adams County, about two miles west of the Laughlin farm, in 1910, at the age of sixty-three, leaving a widow and two children; and Dudley, also a farmer at Marcelline.

It is generally true that the American farmer who has made the best success at his business is the one who has remained longest on the job. Bob Laughlin has not only lived all his life on a farm but has been content to acknowledge no other important interests away from farming, though he has rendered such service as he could to his community, helping forward projects that were worthy and cooperating with his fellow citizens when his cooperation was needed. At the age of twenty-one his father gave him a farm, and later he bought out the other interests and now owns the 220 acres which was originally taken up by his grandfather. Later he bought 100 acres on the west, giving him a complete half section in one farm, and since then has added another eighty acres nearby and recently bought fifteen acres. One improvement has followed another, and twenty years ago he built the comfortable residence which now houses the family. In 1881 he erected a barn that was one of the best in the county at the time, being of the familiar bank construction, 40 by 60 feet in ground dimensions and with 20-foot posts. For forty years Mr. Laughlin specialized in horses and jacks, and has had as many as sixty-five head of these animals at one time. He has also been unusually successful in growing wheat, and has raised some splendid crops of that cereal. His farm now comprises as fine a body of land as is found anywhere in the county and with as good improvements. He has hired labor as well as worked hard himself, and has given every detail of the farm his personal supervision. In politics he is a democrat, as was his father before him, but in local issues is strictly independent, and has never allowed his name to be presented as a candidate for office.

At the age of twenty-four Mr. Laughlin married Eliza Ann Randolph. She was left an orphan when a small girl and was reared in the family of a cousin. Mrs. Laughlin died in 1903, after they had been married forty years. There were two children, George and Sarah Elizabeth. The latter is now Mrs. John Austin and lives at Brookfield, Missouri. George Laughlin, the only son, died at the age of forty-eight years. He was a farmer and was also in the automobile business at Quincy. He married Sarah Shepherd, who is still living and makes her home with Mr. Laughlin, and her two children have practically grown up in the home of their grandfather. The children are Ruth and Hazel, the former the wife of Chester Miller, and the latter the wife of George Sauble. Chester Miller and George Sauble are now operating the Laughlin farm. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have one son, Robert Lee Miller.

**THEODORE C. POLING.** With practically every phase of Quincy's development in financial power, business resources, and the enrichment of its community and institutional life, Theodore C. Poling has been identified during the past forty years. His name in connection with any enterprise has at once given it dignity and has brought to it the sustaining confidence of the best people. No man deserves a more grateful memory and is more worthy of a record for what he has done and what he has stood for in this city.

He was born at Middletown, New Jersey, January 10, 1840, and has been a resident of Quincy since 1870. In Quincy and elsewhere he taught school, and educational work was his chief occupation until he was admitted to the bar in Quincy in 1871. From 1861 to 1864 he was a student of Knox College at Galesburg, and enlisted from there for two periods in the Civil war. He was first a member of Company E of the Seventy-first Illinois Infantry for four months and later re-enlisted in Company C of the One Hundred and Thirty-Seventh Regiment under the command of Governor John Woods, the founder of

Quincy. Altogether he was in the army for nine months. His brother James K. was killed in battle at Memphis, Tennessee, and another brother, George W., died at home from disease contracted in the swamps before Vicksburg.

One of Mr. Poling's earliest acquaintances at Quincy and for a number of years his partner in law practice was Hope S. Davis. He studied law in Mr. Davis' office and at the same time taught school. One of the schools he taught occupied the site of the present courthouse and the following year he taught in the building now known as the Powers Building.

His first law partnership was with Judge Philo A. Goodwin and the Hon. Hope S. Davis, under the firm name of Goodwin, Davis & Poling. Judge Goodwin died two years later and the firm of Davis & Poling continued until 1885. From that date until the mortgage banking firm of T. C. Poling & Company was organized, Mr. Poling gradually withdrew from the routine work of the legal profession and gave his time and attention to the work of building up a strictly financial business, to which the firm has devoted all its energies for many years.

Mr. Poling is now the oldest mortgage banker in Quincy, and is the head of one of the oldest investment companies doing business in the states of Illinois and Missouri. That this company has invested many millions of dollars without the loss of a single dollar on any loan it ever made is evidence of the skill and care of its founder. The company's offices are in the Blackstone Building, of which Mr. Poling is one of the owners and builders. It was erected in the '80s. His business in farm loans extends over a large territory around Quincy in both Illinois and Missouri. Since 1905 his active associate has been his son Theodore Chester Poling, Jr. At the present time their annual volume of business is over \$1,500,000 in loans now outstanding.

Mr. Poling has been responsible for the development of some of Quincy's best known residence and business additions. One of them was the ninety-six acres subdivided and now known as the Poling & Cruttenden Addition.

This city is largely indebted to Mr. Poling for the beautiful Lawndale Addition, where his own handsome home is located. Another property in which he is actively concerned is the Walton Heights Manufacturing Section, of which he and the late John S. Cruttenden, were joint trustees until the latter's death left Mr. Poling as sole trustee. Mr. Poling's labors and financial assistance aided materially in securing additions to Quincy's splendid boulevard and park system.

Of all his business activities Mr. Poling will doubtless be best remembered for his leadership in movements having to do with the most complete and best known expression of Quincy's community spirit. He has managed the financial affairs of many wealthy citizens and has been entrusted with the settlement of a large number of estates as executor and trustee. It is said that more than \$400,000 devoted to charitable purposes passed through his hands as executor or trustee, and this fact is indicated by the county records. He helped raise the money and was the first treasurer of the Building Committee of the local Young Men's Christian Association. He took a similarly prominent part in the Public Library movement many years earlier. The building and lot on which the library was erected were secured largely through the joint labors and solicitations of Mr. Poling and Mr. J. N. Sprigg. Mr. Poling served as one of the early directors of the library. It was through the earnest appeal made by Mr. Poling and his associates that the handsome Quincy Library of today was built. As financial adviser and as executor of the estates of Charles Brown, Jr., and Anna Brown, he carried to completion their plans to found what is now the Anna Brown Home for the Aged, and has been responsible, in a large measure, for the success of that institution.

Mr. Poling is a trustee of the Blessing Hospital, was many years a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and a willing worker for and contributor to many other public enterprises. Seldom has an appeal for assistance in worthy char-



ities been presented to him in vain. He was a director and treasurer of the original Quincy Gas, Light and Coke Company, and has served as treasurer of the Adams County Memorial Association and the Quincy Cemetery Association. He is active as a senior deacon in the Congregational church. He is also a member of John Wood Post No. 96, Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Poling married Miss Ella A. Wharton, a native of Philadelphia, but reared and educated in Payson, Illinois. She was born March 8, 1848. Their oldest child, Florence Poling Nielson, born March 4, 1869, died February 9, 1911. She was the wife of James Nielson. Otho Curtis Poling, the second child, was born June 20, 1871, and is now a resident of Arizona and is the father of two children. Eugene Edwin Poling, born March 23, 1873, died September 28, 1880. Theodore Chester Poling, born January 31, 1885, is his father's business associate, and is married. Mr. Poling has four grandchildren: Eleanor Poling Nielson; James Poling Nielson, now serving in the United States Navy; Frances E. Poling; and Howard O. Poling.

**CAPT. GREENLEAF H. DAVIS.** Many times the name and career of Captain Davis have been made subjects of articles in the general press and other publications. He is a most interesting character not only in Quincy but in all the Middle West. Not nearly so much romance surrounds the building of railroads in modern times as it did when Captain Davis was a pioneer in pushing along some of the old railway systems. He is about the last survivor of that group of railroad builders who constructed the old Illinois Central and some of the main branches of what is now the great Burlington System.

Captain Davis was born in Stafford County, New Hampshire, March 16, 1834. He is of old New England stock. His grandfather, Nathaniel Davis, spent his life as a New Hampshire farmer. Captain Davis' parents were natives of the same state and were also farmers there during their lives.

Captain Davis was educated in New Hampshire, and lived there until about eighteen years old, when he came west to Chicago. In 1851 he did his first work as a pioneer railroad builder with the old Illinois Central road while it was being constructed from Chicago to Kankakee, Illinois. He was at first in the track laying department, and subsequently was assigned to charge of the supply department at Muddy Creek. Such was his ability that he was able to reduce his working force to half and increase the efficiency of the department. After getting the department in working order he was assigned to superintendent of the track laying force, and his wages were more than doubled. He carried the tracks of the Illinois Central on as far as Centralia, Illinois, and about that time was offered the position of roadmaster. He declined because of a previous contract he had made to assist in laying the rails of the old Northern Cross Railway, now that part of the Burlington between Galesburg and Quincy.

Captain Davis began track laying for the Northern Cross Railway in 1855, and had the work completed between Galesburg and Quincy by about the first of January, 1856. He then accepted the responsibility of laying the track on the old Hannibal and St. Joseph Railway, a distance of 206 miles across the northern half of Missouri. He was three years in building this pioneer line, and when it was completed he was offered and accepted the position of railroad stock agent at St. Joseph. Later he was made stock agent for the entire road between Chicago and St. Joseph. He has seen practically all the changes in management and extension of these early railway lines until they now compose part of one of the biggest systems in the United States. Captain Davis continued for thirty-six years in the service of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy. For a time he was under General Superintendent J. T. K. Haywood, later for a short time under C. W. Meade, and also served under General Superintendent W. C. Brown, John C. Carsons and other men whose names are household words in railroad affairs. In 1898 Captain Davis became claim agent for the road and filled that office for ten years with headquarters at St. Joseph.

During that time Judge O. M. Spencer was general solicitor of the Burlington System.

Captain Davis finally retired after more than half a century of railroad work in July, 1908, and has since lived quietly at his old home at 425 North 5th Street in Quincy. Fifty years ago he built a part of this residence, and it was subsequently enlarged and remodeled in 1876.

If the experiences of Captain Davis were written out in detail it could easily be enlarged to a book, and would be a fairly complete history of railroad building and extension and operation through the Middle West. One incident that may properly be recalled even in this brief sketch is that it was under his orders that the first railroad engine was loaded on the boat Denver at St. Joseph, Missouri, to be used by General Manager H. B. Hoxey on the Union Pacific Railroad when that great transcontinental system was in course of construction.

On September 2, 1862, he was commissioned captain of Company H of the Thirty-Eighth Missouri Regiment, but as his duties were already of a military character he was a captain with special detail and detached service, giving his time chiefly to duties as roadmaster. His commission as captain bears date of July 27, 1864.

At Galesburg, Illinois, in September, 1855, Captain Davis married Miss Emily Hilton. She was born in New York State, daughter of Richard Hilton, of an old family of that name in New York State. Her father was for many years a farmer at Galesburg, Illinois, and later located in Washington County, Kansas, where he died. His widow, Caroline, survived him and died at the home of Captain and Mrs. Davis in Quincy at the age of seventy-five. Both are now at rest in the cemetery at Galesburg, Illinois. Mrs. Davis died at Quincy in 1900. They had one daughter, Carrie L., who was born and reared and educated in Quincy and is now the widow of Morris F. Murphy, who died in one of the western states several years ago. Mrs. Murphy has a daughter, Anna L., who is a graduate of the Quincy High School and attended college at Galesburg. She and her mother live with Captain Davis.

Captain Davis among other property interests owns 540 acres of land in Caldwell County, Missouri, a well improved farm. For over sixty years Captain Davis has been a Mason, and is one of the oldest members of that order in the state. He took his first degrees in 1857 in a lodge in Macon County, Missouri. For over half a century his membership has been with Bodly Lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at Quincy. He entered that lodge when John Sylvester was its master. Captain Davis is also a Royal Arch Mason.

E. W. CHARLES KAEMPEN is president of the Buerkin & Kaempfen firm, planing mills, lumber dealers and general contractors, a business that grew from individual services as carpenters forty years or more ago until now it constitutes an immense and well appointed plant and with facilities unexcelled by any similar business in Western Illinois.

The present business is the outgrowth of several partnerships between carpenters and contractors of an earlier time. In 1879 Joseph Buerkin and James Shanahan joined their respective abilities as good carpenters to establish on a small scale a lumber yard and do general contracting work. Mr. Buerkin for a number of years had been a Quincy carpenter, and was a highly expert, and technical man in all branches of the business. The firm had its first location in a small alley shop back of the Tenk hardware store on Maine Street, between Fifth and Sixth streets.

From this first partnership Mr. Buerkin withdrew in 1881 and formed a new arrangement with Mr. Gottlieb Burge, a prominent contractor and builder of that day, then already established on Vermont Street, and continued to prosper until 1888. It was in the latter year that E. W. Charles Kaempfen, who for fifteen or twenty years had been a carpenter in Quincy, bought the interests



of Mr. Burge, and thus established the alliance between the Buerkins and Kaempens which has continued uninterruptedly and with increasing prosperity and growth to the present time. Both men were thorough and practical mechanics and builders, and in a short time they introduced milling machinery, establishing a planing mill and offering their services as contractors.

In 1891 they bought a quarter block at the corner of State and Sixth streets. It was very low and practically waste ground and after filling up a big hollow they erected a mill the same year. In 1894 the mill was enlarged more than double its size. During the past twenty years the plant has been remodeled and increased several times, and they now own and occupy a whole half block. The firm now has a big planing mill, other facilities for manufacture of lumber products, a large yard for lumber storage, and unexcelled facilities for contracting in all classes of buildings from private homes to the largest public structures. In 1909 the business was incorporated, with Mr. Buerkin its first president and Mr. Kaempen secretary and treasurer. Two of Mr. Kaempen's sons, Emil and Arthur L., and Mrs. Buerkin's son, Edwin C., were admitted to the business as directors in the company. In October, 1909, Mr. Joseph Buerkin died, after having been active in business affairs at Quincy for over forty years. He was born at Baden, Germany, in 1848.

Germany was also the birthplace of Mr. Kaempen, who was born April 12, 1850. Both of these men came to the United States when quite young. Mr. Kaempen came to Quincy in the spring of 1868. He is a born mechanic, his father and grandfather on both sides having been carpenters and mechanics in the old country. The first associations between Mr. Buerkin and Mr. Kaempen came as fellow employes with Mr. Lockworthy and Burge at Quincy. Mr. Kaempen was in Mr. Lockworthy's employ for about twenty years. In 1876 he was shop foreman when that contractor put up the Adams County courthouse.

The firm and corporation of Buerkin & Kaempen has been employed in the construction of some of the most noteworthy buildings, private homes, business houses and public structures in and around Quincy. Among others they erected the Masonic Temple, the Armory, the Young Men's Christian Association building, the Chamber of Commerce building, the New Gardner Governor building and others. The company has about 250 men at times on the pay roll, and many of their employes have been with them for a long period of years.

Mr. Kaempen married Miss Louisa Buxman, a native of Quincy and of German parentage. They have eight children, four sons and four daughters. Besides the two sons named above as members of the company there are Charles and Evert, both students in the Quincy High School. These four sons are all single men. The daughter Hermina is the wife of Fred Fredericks, now living in California, and they have a son and three daughters. Laura was educated in the high school and the University of Illinois, and is now a teacher in the Madison School at Quincy. The daughter Flora married Dr. Herman Wendorf, and they have a son, Herman, Jr. Emma Kaempen was also a successful teacher and her death recalls a well known tragedy. As a teacher in one of the country districts she was boarding with a family who fell victims to the mad vengeance of an alleged kinsman and Miss Kaempen lost her life with the rest. Mr. Kaempen and family are members of the Evangelical Church and formerly for thirty years was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

HON. ROLLAND M. WAGNER, Adams County's representative in the Fiftieth General Assembly, has through his active and progressive career as a lawyer at Quincy since 1909 amply fulfilled the expectations of his friends who from their early acquaintance with his earnest and studious purposes and activities predicted more than ordinary success for him in the legal profession.

Mr. Wagner was born at Liberty, Adams County, Illinois, July 27, 1885,

and already in his thirty-third year may be said to have attained that degree of success which makes his future secure. His parents are Charles A. and Clara (Collins) Wagner. The Collins family were numbered among the pioneers of Adams County, where Mr. Wagner's mother was born. His maternal grandfather, Oliver Collins, was born in this county more than eighty years ago and has spent his entire life here and is still possessed of all his faculties. He and his wife, who is also past eighty, make their home with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Wagner. Charles A. Wagner was born in Ohio, and came to Adams County with his parents. He was only nine years old when his father died, and was the oldest of four children, all of whom are still living and all married but one. Charles A. Wagner finished his education at Knox College, and after some years as a farmer joined his father-in-law, Oliver Collins, in conducting a general store at Liberty. He and his wife are still living in this county, now practically retired. They are well known people. Their home is at Coatsburg. In the family were seven children: Clifford, deceased; Nellie, wife of John Y. Lawless, of Coatsburg; Herman T., a farmer at Waterloo, Iowa; Rolland M.; Clinton B., of Coatsburg; Edna, wife of Leroy Myers, of Paloma, Illinois, and mother of a daughter, Lucile; and Hazel, of Quincy.

Rolland M. Wagner graduated and afterward did post-graduate work in the Liberty High School, and for two years was a teacher in local schools. He then entered the University of Michigan Law School for one year, and the last two years was a student in Northwestern University Law School at Chicago, where he graduated in 1909. He remained for some months in Chicago gaining valuable experience and performing some useful service at the same time as an employe of the Legal Aid Society. In 1910 he was admitted to practice in the Federal Courts. In October, 1909, returning to Quincy, he entered upon his career as a full fledged lawyer. In 1913 Mr. Wagner was appointed assistant state's attorney under his present partner, Mr. Wolf, then state's attorney of this county. The first case he handled was the State vs. Dobbs, but his chief fame as a prosecutor came from his work in the case State vs. Ray Pfanschmidt. Ray Pfanschmidt, it will be remembered, was tried for the murder of his father, mother, sister and a school teacher who was boarding at the Pfanschmidt home. It was proved in the course of the trial that he committed the crime for mercenary reasons. Mr. Wagner and his associate labored assiduously preparing the evidence for this trial and Mr. Wagner's arguments before the jury required six hours for delivery.

Since retiring from the office of assistant state's attorney Mr. Wagner has been associated with Mr. Wolf in private practice and they are one of the busiest firms in Adams County. In 1916 Mr. Wagner was elected as representative of Adams County to the Fiftieth General Assembly and also to the Fifty-First General Assembly. He was a member of the judiciary committee and on the committee of judicial practice and procedure and was also a member of the legislative committee to visit penal institutions. As a democrat he was four years secretary of the Executive County Committee. Mr. Wagner is a director of the Public Library of Quincy and was formerly attorney for the Quincy Humane Society. He is unmarried. Fraternally he is a member of Quincy Lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, one of the oldest lodges in the state, is past president of the local lodge of Eagles, is an official member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is a member of the Turnverein, the Quincy Country Club, the Y. M. C. A. and is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

ALEXANDER OHNEMUS. For more than three quarters of a century the name Ohnemus has been vitally identified with the business welfare and upbuilding of Quincy. Mr. Alexander Ohnemus, of the second generation of this family in Quincy, is now retired from business, but in his time played a large and constructive part in affairs.

The Ohnemus family originated in Baden, Germany, where they lived for



many generations. Andrew Ohnemus, father of Alexander, was born in Baden in 1820. When about twenty years of age he came to the United States by sailing vessel, and from New York came west to Quincy about 1840. By trade he was a harness maker. He and his brother Mathias established a business of this kind at 325 Hampshire Street. At that location they erected two three-story brick buildings, which are still owned by Alexander Ohnemus and have been in the family possession for over seventy years and have never been without tenants. In 1860 Mathias Ohnemus sold out his share of the business to his brother. Andrew Ohnemus lived in a fine home at 14th and Vermont streets until his death on July 22, 1868. His old home at 14th and Vermont was erected when that portion of the city was practically in the country, and it stood as a landmark and pioneer home in the district until building progress caught up and enveloped it.

At Quincy Andrew Ohnemus married Agnes Metz. She was born in Germany about 1830 and came to the United States with her parents at the age of eight or ten years. Her parents also located in Quincy, and were farmers in Riverside Township, where they died within a month of each other, her father at the age of eighty-eight and her mother at eighty-two. The Metz and Ohnemus families were all early members of St. Boniface Catholic church at Quincy. Agnes Ohnemus died at her home at 14th and Vermont streets in 1903 in advanced years. She and her husband were married in St. Boniface Church, but later transferred their membership to St. Francis parish. In their family were three sons and three daughters. Three are still living: Anton, a well known Quincy business man, secretary and treasurer of the Excelsior Stove Works, and father of three children; Margaret, who lives at St. Louis, widow of George Puster and the mother of a son Alvin; and Alexander.

Alexander Ohnemus was born at the old home of his father at 325 Hampshire Street May 15, 1854. As a boy he attended St. Francis parochial school and learned the tinner's trade by a practical apprenticeship. In 1879 he went into business for himself in one of his father's buildings at 327 Hampshire Street, setting up a stove, hardware and tinware business. He successfully conducted that until 1900, when he sold out and then became associated with Mr. W. F. Berghofer for eight years in the sheet metal industry on Jersey Street. Ten years ago Mr. Ohnemus retired and is now looking after his private affairs and interests. He lives in a fine two-story frame house at 317 Chestnut Street. This residence he built in 1885, more than thirty years ago. In politics Mr. Ohnemus is a democrat, a member of the Eagles and one of the early members of the Firemen's Benevolent Association.

In Quincy Mr. Ohnemus married Miss Ella M. Clark. She was born in East St. Louis October 10, 1859. When she was two years old she lost her mother and she and her brother Amadeus were sent to Adams County to be reared by their maternal grandparents, Darius and Agnes Wertz, of Melrose Township. Mrs. Ohnemus grew up on the Wertz farm and at the death of her grandparents received a generous endowment from them. Mr. and Mrs. Ohnemus had one son, Albert N., whose vigorous manhood and manly character are recalled with extreme regret by his many friends. He was born November 10, 1881, and died in the prime of his usefulness August 30, 1915, at the age of thirty-four. He was educated in the parochial and city schools and the Gem City Business College, and also completed a course at the Illinois State University. He was laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery. Mr. Ohnemus is a member of the Catholic church, while Mrs. Ohnemus is a Lutheran.

WILLIAM F. SIVERTSON. Several generations of the Sivertson family have lived in Adams County, and they have furnished a number of strong-minded, highly capable and energetic citizens to the various communities in which they have lived. The principal seat of the family has been in Honey Creek Township, where some of the name are still found. The founder of the family here

was Christian Frederick Sivertson, who was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, February 20, 1809. When he was only nine years old he ran away to sea, and had many interesting experiences in early life. He came to this country in 1832. He was sixty days in making the voyage to New York, and after about six months in that city and state he went to Washington County, Ohio, and found employment on a river steamboat. He was a shipbuilder by trade and also worked as a marine engineer. As a river man he came to Quincy, and at Quincy on October 22, 1840, married Miss Marcia Lakins. She was born in Whitehall, New York, February 1, 1816. After leaving the river Christian F. Sivertson acquired a fine tract of 160 acres of land in Honey Creek Township for \$500 and used the skill of his trade to build the substantial house that now stands on the land. The interior finish for this house was brought from Cincinnati. He also erected several homes for his neighbors and built the school house at the corner of his farm. He spent his last years in retirement at Paloma, where he died August 26, 1891. His wife died January 7, 1894. They were buried at Coatsburg. Christian F. Sivertson was a member of the Free Baptist Church of Paloma. He served at one time as treasurer of his township, and was regarded as a very fine type of citizen. He and his wife had four children. Emily Frances, born December 21, 1842, married Thomas Ingram, and died April 10, 1862, at the age of twenty. The second child was William Frederick Sivertson, whose career is taken up in the following paragraphs. Mary Sophia, was born March 5, 1847, and died in middle life unmarried. Edgar Charles, born April 8, 1853, was the youngest of the family.

William Frederick Sivertson was born in Honey Creek Township December 21, 1843, in the same house now occupied by his son William F., Jr. On August 12, 1862, he enlisted in Company I of the One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Illinois Infantry, in what was known as the Excelsior Regiment, and also the Temperance Regiment. Most of its recruits were from McDonough County, and his captain was Captain Griffith. He saw three years of active service, being honorably discharged August 15, 1865, as a corporal. He was at the siege of Vicksburg, at Champion Hill and many other engagements.

January 5, 1882, William F. Sivertson married Miss Laura H. White, daughter of James M. White, whose name is the caption of a separate sketch on other pages. The late Mr. Sivertson is remembered not only as a good farmer but as a citizen inclined to intellectual pursuits. He was a student, and kept up with all current events by extensive reading in history and other lines. He was active as a republican in township affairs, served as town clerk for a number of years, and altogether was the type of man whose presence means much to any community. He died April 30, 1910, and his good wife passed away February 3, 1911. They were the parents of two sons, Leon F. and William F., Jr. Leon F. was associated with his brother on the old homestead until his death at the early age of twenty-eight. He married Florence Dickhut, and she survives with one child, Donald.

William F. Sivertson, Jr. was born December 28, 1886, in the house built by his grandfather and which he still occupies. He attended high school at Camp Point and spent one year in Illinois University. After his education he and his brother took the management of the home farm, and they also bought sixty-five acres of other land and also acquired a tract of 320 acres. At the death of his brother William F. sold the first purchase, but has continued to improve and develop the 320 acres, known as the old T. S. Emery farm. He occupies the old homestead which he owns jointly with his brother's widow. Mr. Sivertson is a successful hog raiser, and sends several carloads annually to market. He also feeds sheep and cattle. He is a republican party worker and has served as party committeeman and judge of elections. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Paloma.

JAMES MORRIS WHITE was one of the finest figures in the citizenship of Honey Creek Township. He was born in Monroe County, Tennessee, December



22, 1824, a son of Thomas and Nancy (Morris) White. The White family is of English and Welsh ancestry. William White and three brothers emigrated from Wales to America. His son, Richard White was a Virginian and moved across the mountains into Tennessee. Richard White married Elizabeth Calthorp. The original settler, William, had a Welsh father, but his mother, a Hamner, was of an English family.

James Morris White was nine years old when in November, 1833, the family left Alabama, where they were living at the time, and started north for Quincy. The day before beginning this journey was made memorable by a great fall of stars, which all histories have recorded and which James M. White well remembered and frequently spoke of in his later years. The White family reached Quincy December 11th, having had to wait eight days at St. Louis for the only boat then plying up the Mississippi. In the spring of 1835 they moved to Froggy Prairie, and in 1836 bought a farm in the central part of Honey Creek Township. This land is now owned by John L. Grigsby. James M. White's father spent his last years there, and in the same locality the son grew to manhood and on March 31, 1853, married Miss Margaret Elizabeth Guymon. She was born in Illinois February 28, 1834, daughter of Elder Isaiah Guymon, a prominent minister of the Baptist church. The Guymon family lived close to the farm of the White family. Elder Guymon went to Missouri during the war, and died in that state at the advanced age of ninety-one. He was a very pronounced Union man. His father, Isaiah G. Guymon, was of Scotch ancestry, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war and was next to the tallest man in his regiment. He migrated from Stokes County, North Carolina, to Illinois. Elder Guymon was one of the earnest and forceful preachers of his time, a thorough Bible student, and carried a great deal of conviction into all his discourse. He never preached for a salary, making his living from his farm.

James M. White spent all his married life on his farm a mile and a half northwest of Coatsburg, and that land was in his ownership for over seventy years. He died there October 19, 1916, and at that time was probably the oldest man in the county. His wife died April 2, 1872, at the age of thirty-eight. James M. White was a vigorous and stalwart republican and had no faith in anything the democratic party did. He voted for every republican candidate for president except at the first election of Lincoln.

James M. White was an exemplary temperance man and practiced all that he preached. He never used tobacco, and his strength of will made him complete master of both his intelligence and his body. He was very decided, and his firmness and readiness of decision would have made him a great business executive.

He and his wife had six children, four daughters and two sons. The oldest daughter, Eleanora C., died at the age of twenty as the wife of George Lovejoy. Laura Helen was Mrs. William F. Sivertson Sr. Nannie has had a career of exceptional interest. She attended Knox College at Galesburg, graduating with the class of 1887, taught school in Adams county and in the high school at Gilman, Illinois, and from there went to Washington and for eighteen and a half years was clerk in the treasury department. At the death of her sister, Mrs. Sivertson, she returned home to care for her father, and is now living at Paloma. She is secretary of the Red Cross Society and acting assistant cashier of the Bank of Paloma, and while a resident of Washington was a member of the Congregational Church in that city. William L. White, the older son, graduated from Knox College in the same class with his sister, taught school in Adams County, and is now living at Alameda, California, as salesman for the United States Steel Products Company. James Alvin resides at Peoria, where he is connected with the Avery Manufacturing Company. Mary, the youngest of the children, is the wife of David C. Hair, son of the late D. L. Hair of Adams County. Mr. Hair is a railway conductor, living at Okolona, Mississippi.

HON. LYMAN MCCARL. The present generation at least in Adams County knows Lyman McCarl as well as any other personality in Quincy. The present records therefore are set down not to tell who he is or what he is doing or has done, but as a matter of history for a later generation.

Lyman McCarl, son of Alexander W. McCarl and Minerva (Likes) McCarl, was born on a farm in section 32 of Richfield Township, Adams County, Illinois, May 3, 1859.

A man of liberal education and culture, it is evident that Judge McCarl acquired his training and did not merely receive it. He attended the district schools near the old home and at the age of seventeen entered the Maplewood High School at Camp Point, where he graduated in the spring of 1878. After two years as a teacher he entered Lombard College at Galesburg, from which institution he was graduated Bachelor of Science in June, 1885. Two years later he returned and took his Master of Science degree at Lombard.

The summer of 1885, it is a matter of special interest to note, Judge McCarl spent compiling and writing a county history of LaSalle County to be published by the Lewis Publishing Company, publishers of the present work on Adams County. He then returned to Adams County and taught school and at the same time carried on his law studies under Capt. W. H. Keath of Quincy.

Judge McCarl was admitted to the bar June 16, 1888, so that his career as a lawyer is a record of thirty years of honest and earnest practice combined with various official duties. He was for two years deputy circuit clerk under George Brophy. In 1890 he entered partnership with William G. Feigenspan, their partnership being known as McCarl & Feigenspan and continuing to mutual advantage for twenty years, until Mr. McCarl was elected county judge. In June, 1891, he was appointed by Judge Oscar P. Bonney, master of chancery in Adams County, an office he filled for six years. In November, 1910, he was elected to his present office as county judge of Adams County, and was re-elected in 1914.

Judge McCarl in politics is a democrat and in religion a Unitarian. He is a member of the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In a business way he is also president of the Tri-State Mutual Life Insurance Company of Adams County. Many organizations and causes have at different times sought his active support and assistance. He is president of the Associated Charities of Quincy and is president of the Board of Trustees of Lombard College at Galesburg, his alma mater. Since the war began with Germany he has willingly made those sacrifices demanded of every loyal citizen. Besides the service flag in his home with two stars indicating that his two sons are in the ranks of the army, Judge McCarl is a director of the Red Cross Society and a member of the Council of Defense and chairman of the Legal Advisory Board for Quincy.

April 23, 1893, Judge McCarl married Miss Hannah M. Berrian, only daughter of the late Judge Benjamin F. Berrian. To them have been born four children: Margaret, Richard B., Donald E. and Charlotte. The daughter Margaret has much talent as a singer and served as chorister in the Unitarian Church until December 4, 1918, when she was married to Ensign Theodore P. Wright. Richard B. is one of the sons who represents the family in the army, and is now stationed with an Ambulance Corps in Paris, France. Donald E., who was in the Navy Aviation Service at Minneapolis, Minnesota, has been released on inactive duty and now is a member of the sophomore class of Lombard College at Galesburg, and that institution has graduated both Margaret and Richard B. Charlotte, the youngest of the family, is in the junior class of the Quincy High School.

ALFRED J. BROCKSCHMIDT. Scholarly in his habits, talented and accomplished, Alfred J. Brockschmidt, of Quincy, a lawyer of wide experience, has won a commanding position in the legal profession and an honored position





Lyman McCarl

the iron working trades. Joseph J. Zimmerman is an experienced blacksmith and carriage-smith and now conducts the large wagon and carriage factory at 105 North Third Street which was established by his brother, the late Alvis L. Zimmerman, many years ago. Alvis L. Zimmerman died December 1, 1913, and his successor in the business is Joseph J. Zimmerman, who had been in the shops for thirty-two years. The factory is one of Quincy's important local institutions, and turns out a large amount of material in carriages and also automobile trucks. Alvis L. Zimmerman had conducted this business for forty odd years. He was a thoroughly practical mechanic, skilled in every branch of the iron and wood working industry.

Joseph J. Zimmerman was born December 12, 1866, in the old family home at 514 Kentucky Street, where all his brothers and sisters were also born. He is a son of Michael and Josephine (Schmidt) Zimmerman. His parents were both born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, of Catholic families. They left their native country when young, came in sailing vessels to the United States and from Castle Garden came westward to Quincy, where they married. Michael Zimmerman owned a rock quarry and lime kiln near Quincy and was a lime burner until his death in 1869 when past fifty-six years of age. His widow survived him until 1902 and lived at the home of her son Alvis, where she died aged seventy-seven. Both parents were members of St. Boniface Catholic Church. Michael Zimmerman was a liberal supporter of church activities of every kind. In the family were three sons and one daughter: Alvis L., who married Mary Avercamp, also deceased, and they had two children, Hilda who is married, and Blanche. Anton died thirty years ago at the age of thirty-two. The next son is Joseph J. Mary, the oldest of the family, was born on Kentucky Street, sixty-five years ago, was educated in the parochial schools, and died November 30, 1918. She was the widow of William Boland and had two children, Albert and Josie.

Joseph J. Zimmerman grew up at Quincy, was educated in the local schools and learned his trade as an iron worker with his brother. He married in Quincy Cletta Moss, who was born in this city in 1871. Her parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Blickhan) Moss, were natives of Germany, but were married after they came to Quincy. Her father was for thirty-two years a coachman for Henry Bull, a prominent Quincy banker, and died while in his service. Her widowed mother is still living at the age of seventy-four. Mrs. Zimmerman's parents and family were also active Catholics. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman are members of St. Francis Catholic Church. They are the parents of eight children: Olivia, wife of Fred Kraemer of Quincy and mother of four children; Agnes, who married Frank Wattercutter in Camp Grant; Freda, at home; Margaret, wife of Mark Brushan, who is a farmer in this county; Lawrence J., who is a very capable iron mechanic and employed in his father's shop; Richard, Alfred and Ralph, the two older still in school.

J. W. EDWARD BITTER, M. D. A physician and surgeon of more than thirty years practice and experience, there is not a member of the profession in Quincy more generously esteemed and liked by his fellow associates and by the public in general than Doctor Bitter. He is a graduate of the Quincy College of Medicine with the class of 1886, and in 1898 was awarded a post-graduate certificate by the Philadelphia Polyclinic. After completing his medical studies he began practice on Washington Street, at No. 829, and was there nearly thirty years, until he removed to his present beautiful home and office at 1130 State Street. This is in many ways one of the most charming homes of Quincy. Doctor Bitter is a man of exceeding domestic temperament and the greatest happiness of his life is when he is spending his hours with his happy family. Doctor Bitter began the study of medicine at Quincy under Dr. John C. Curtis, and pursued his readings under that direction two years before entering college. He is a member of the Adams County Medical Society and his attainments as a practitioner well justifies the esteem in which he is held.



Adams County has not a more sterling patriot than Doctor Bitter. He is heart and soul in the present great war and regards it an opportunity and privilege to give his time and means to every cause connected with army work and everything that will promote the success of the allied program.

Doctor Bitter, whose full name is John Wilhelm Eduard, was born at Quincy April 4, 1863. The home in which he was born stood on the site of the present Evangelical Lutheran Church at the corner of State and Ninth streets. He was educated in the parochial and public schools, and in early life manifested that ambition and determined character which have brought him the position he now enjoys.

His father was John Henry Bitter, a prominent and successful business man of Quincy for many years. He was born at Laar in Kreis Herford, Germany, August 3, 1834. He came to the United States, landing at New Orleans, in 1852 and soon afterwards reaching Quincy, where he took up his trade as stone cutter. In March, 1855, he married at Quincy Miss Annie Menke, who was born in the same district of Germany as her husband on February 9, 1834, and had also come to this country in 1852. The father built up a large business as a stone mason contractor, and lived in Quincy until his death in 1890, at the age of fifty-six. His widow survived him until August, 1917, and at the time of her death was aged eighty-two years, five months, twenty-seven days. They were members of the Lutheran church and the father was a republican and was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in both the Lodge and Encampment. He and his wife had six children: Henry, born June 17, 1857; Hannah, born November 20, 1859; Doctor Bitter; Anna Wilhelmina, born December 3, 1868; Anna Lidia, born May 11, 1871; and Anna Amanda, born March 3, 1875.

The same year he graduated in medicine Doctor Bitter married at Maysville, Missouri, Miss Joanna L. Beatty. She was born in West Virginia, daughter of Josiah and Phoebe E. (Taylor) Beatty, also natives of the same state. In 1863 her parents moved to Maysville, Missouri, where her father died at the age of eighty, and her mother at eighty-three. Both were active members of the Methodist church. They had lived together as man and wife for fifty-seven years, and in that time there was not a single break in the family circle by death.

Doctor and Mrs. Bitter have six children: Eleanor A., a graduate of the Gem City Business College and now an employe with the Booth Fisheries Company at Chicago; Laura, wife of Percy C. Henry, of New York City, is the mother of one daughter Gertrude E.; Arthur W., a graduate of the University of Missouri and from the University of Pennsylvania with the class of 1918 and now a member of the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army; Florence, a trained nurse now in hospital practice; Milton E., a graduate of the Quincy High School in 1917; and Agnes V., who also will graduate from the Quincy High School in 1919. Doctor and Mrs. Bitter are members of the Methodist church.

**HENRY F. MUEGGE.** In this era of high priced lands and high priced farm products, when a farmer is supposed to be rolling in wealth, it is interesting and instructive to refer somewhat in detail to the experience of such a man as Henry F. Muegge, whose prosperity and enterprise are above question and who acquired that success under circumstances vastly different from those now prevailing in the agricultural world. In fact Mr. Muegge began with nothing but his bare hands. He worked successively as a farm hand, farm renter, modest farm owner, and has bought hundreds of acres of land at a value now represented by ten or twenty bushels of wheat, has sold fat cattle at \$50 a head, and hogs at 3 and 4 cents a pound. Mr. Muegge is now living retired in a comfortable home at Quincy, but still spends much time looking after his farms, and has one excellent place in Burton Township.

Mr. Muegge was born in Germany and was brought to this country in

infancy by his parents, David and Mary Muegge. He was thirteen or fourteen years old when his old family minister supplied him with the date of his birth—December 25, Christmas Day of 1853. His father died at Quincy about six months after coming to this country. There were just two sons, William and Henry. William, two years older than Henry, was reared by his uncle Henry John Menke, remembered as a pioneer planing mill man in Quincy, Illinois. William Muegge subsequently learned the carpenter's trade, lived for many years at Tioga in Hancock County, and is now retired in Quincy at 12th and Jefferson streets.

Henry F. Muegge grew up with his mother and in after years made a home for her and supported her until his own marriage. She was a woman that deserved much credit, and in order to support herself and her son she took in washing. After the marriage of Henry she lived in his home and later went to the home of a daughter, Mrs. Cupp, of Hamilton in Hancock County, and died at a good old age.

For several years Henry Muegge had the advantages of the public schools in Hancock County, and also attended parochial school there. He was fourteen or fifteen years of age when he assumed the serious task of supporting himself. He worked out by the year at \$10 a month for Sutter G. Budiker. He was then quite small for his age, but was an earnest worker and earned every cent that was paid him. All his wages went to the support of his mother. At eighteen Mr. Muegge came to Mendon Township and was employed at \$18 a month by Peter Wible for three years. In a short time his wages were advanced to \$20. For two years he was also employed by Clarke Strickler, receiving \$200 for nine months. While in the employ of Mr. Strickler he married Miss Hannah H. Mowe, who was born at 701 Washington Street in Quincy, eighteen years before her marriage.

When he married Mr. Muegge had accumulated \$500 in savings, and also owned a house and lot at Tioga where his mother lived. He began as a renter near Mendon for one year, until that farm was sold, and then moved a mile and a half south and half a mile east of Melrose Chapel and five miles from Quincy. His experience there was not profitable and he moved to another farm in the same vicinity, ninety acres, which was owned by his uncle, Henry Menke. He rented that land for \$600 a year cash rent, and was on it for eight years. He then bought the place at \$6,000, paying \$1,000 in cash and the rest on time. In seven years time he had it paid for, and he did this through the products of the land and by stock dealing. Probably the keynote to Mr. Muegge's success has been his skillful and energetic enterprise as a stock dealer. He has always handled stock and seldom has his judgment been betrayed. Besides his home farm he rented other land and frequently had as high as 400 acres under his management. In the meantime he had bought an adjoining forty acres, giving him 130 acres of his own. After fifteen years he sold that place and located on the old Daniel Wible farm in Ursa Township, this being a 160 acre place, a mile and a half east of old Ursa. He bought this farm for \$16,000, going \$6,000 in debt. By this time he was well under way and was willing to assume what many men would have regarded as risky obligations, having complete faith in his own ability to pay out and make good. The next year after buying the Wible farm he bought forty-five acres at \$80 an acre, two years later took on a 140 acre place in Mendon Township at \$25 an acre, and in the same year bought twenty acres adjoining the 140 at \$30 an acre. The next year he acquired the 150 acres known as the Grimes farm, which was sold at an administrator's sale for \$8,500. These various tracts gave him more than 500 acres and he operated the entire tract under his direct supervision. His policy then as always was running large numbers of stock in his fields, and this was not only a money making plan but did much to improve the fertility and advance the value of the land. At his last sale Mr. Muegge had ninety head of cattle and his total receipts from the sale ran over \$5,000. When Mr. Muegge sold the old Wible farm to Mrs. William Nickerson, the sale was talked of for many



days, as the place brought \$20,000. He also sold forty-five acres at \$125 an acre, and soon afterwards turned over the Grimes farm of 150 acres to his oldest son, Harry, who still owns it. Mr. Muegge owns 160 acres in the same vicinity, and it also is under the management of his son Harry. After thus disposing of his land holdings Mr. Muegge moved to Quincy, and has one of the good city homes at 1022 Kentucky Street.

However, he was not content to remain idle. Soon afterward he paid \$17 an acre for 240 acres in Marion County, Missouri. A short time later he sold this at an advanced value, and then invested in eighty acres at Coatsburg at \$40 an acre. He has also bought and sold some property in Quincy, and has always added something of value to every farm he has owned. Several years ago Mr. Muegge bought the Reinhart Cook place of 210 acres in Burton Township, eight miles east of Quincy. He acquired this land at a public sale at the courthouse in Quincy, and at once put his son Fred on the property. Fred operated the farm until his death December 29, 1918. Mr. Muegge spends much time there supervising operations. Fred Muegge, who was born in Melrose Township, was thirty-four years of age at the time of his death, and left a widow and four children. He was a devout member of St. James Church.

Mr. Muegge has always kept hogs. At one time he owned as many as 500. Even at \$3.35 a hundred he found hog growing fairly profitable. He has sold corn for 25 cents a bushel, wheat at 70 cents, and for three years his crop of this golden grain brought only 60 cents a bushel. This schedule of low prices prevailed during a large part of the time while Mr. Muegge was paying for his lands. The explanation of his successful career is merely the old story of a very able and energetic man who would be successful in any time and under almost any circumstances, and without the aid of high prices fixed by the Government.

Mr. Muegge is a republican in politics. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church and has always been interested in movements for the improvement and welfare of the various districts in which he has lived.

He and his wife had the following children: Harry, a farmer in Mendon Township; William, in Lewis County, Missouri; Edward, of Mendon Township; Fred, deceased; Matilda, a trained nurse; Charles, of Rock Island, Illinois; Arthur, who is an invalid; Selma, who attended the Macomb Normal School, has taught in Adams County and is at home; Esther, also a graduate of the Macomb Normal and an Adams County teacher; and Emil, a student of Gem City Business College of Quincy.

GUSTAVE A. BAUMAN has been an active business man of Quincy more than forty years. Since 1886 he has been in the loan, mortgage and general money brokerage business, and continuously at Quincy except two years spent in another city. He is a recognized specialist on the subject of farm loans, and that is now the basis of most his work, carried on in Adams and adjacent counties and also in the State of Missouri. From 1886 to 1898 he was associated with Mr. T. C. Poling, one of the prominent business men of Quincy, and from 1898 to 1905 was in partnership with the late John S. Crittenden. At that time he was located in the Blackstone Building, but since 1907 has been in business for himself at his present location, 300 6th Avenue, North.

Mr. G. A. Bauman is not only a good business man, but one of the men upon whose good citizenship Quincy has come to rely. He has been a most enthusiastic supporter of America's part in the present war and has given two of his sons with commissions as officers to the service. In reviewing his past career Mr. Bauman finds that its most strenuous period was the thirteen years from 1873 to 1886 when he spent from sixteen to seventeen hours every day, including parts of Sundays, in his father's meat market at 20 North 6th Street, between Maine and Hampshire streets, as salesman and general manager. He regards this now as a splendid discipline, one that gave him a thorough comprehension of the fundamentals of business detail, and likewise developed his

physical power and endurance, and this has not been the least asset of his subsequent business career. Mr. Bauman is still a strong man physically and would easily pass for being twenty years younger than he is.

He was born at Herman, Missouri, thirty miles east of Jefferson City, December 14, 1857. He spent his early life at Herman until 1873, when the family moved to Quincy. He is a son of Engel and Louise (Danzisen) Bauman. His father was born in Canton Uri, Switzerland, where the name was spelled Buman. His birth occurred in 1824 and as a young man he went to France and later was passenger on a sailing vessel that required three months to cross the Atlantic and land him in New Orleans. He proceeded up the river to Herman, Missouri. He lived in a time when there were wonderful opportunities for a man of courage and dauntless spirit and in his lifetime he saw many countries and played many interesting parts. In 1849, with some others of his fellow countrymen, he crossed the plains to the golden shores of California. While in the West he met the famous Sutter, who was also a native of Switzerland, and whom history credits as having first discovered gold in California. Engel Bauman mined gold for some time, then returned to the States, and again went west, on this trip doubling Cape Horn. He knew California in the time and conditions that have been so vividly described by Bret Harte and other writers. After this experience he did saw milling in Missouri along the Missouri River during the Civil war and until 1873, when he brought his family to Quincy. In Quincy he established a meat market, and was active in that business until 1886, when he retired. He died in 1902, at the age of seventy-nine.

While living at Herman, Missouri, Engel Bauman married Louise Danzisen, who was born in Baden, Germany, February 11, 1838, and as a child was left an orphan. She came to America to join her kindred in Missouri. After her marriage she worked faithfully and loyally with her husband in rearing their family, and is still living in Quincy at the age of eighty-one years. Gustave A. Bauman was the oldest of his parents' five children. One daughter, Louise, died in 1875, at the age of sixteen. The second oldest is Louis P., who with his brother Eugene live in Kansas and both are active stockmen. Both are married but have no children. Otto, the other child, was educated in the Quincy schools and also the State University and for many years has been a clerk for his brother Gustave and is also married but has no children.

Gustave A. Bauman married at St. Louis, Missouri, March 26, 1890, Augusta L. Frendenstein. She was born at St. Louis of German parentage and was reared and educated there. Her father, who died thirty years ago, was in the grocery business at St. Louis and her mother is still living and was eighty-four years of age on December 19, 1918.

For all that he has accomplished in a business way Mr. Bauman takes more pride in his children than anything else. His oldest child, Eugenia, born at Quincy twenty-seven years ago, was educated in the high school and St. Louis University and is now the wife of Charles L. Carr, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Carr of Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Carr now live in Kansas City, Missouri, where he is a successful lawyer, being a graduate of Northwestern University of Evanston, Illinois.

The second child and older son of Mr. and Mrs. Bauman is William G., who is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, is a lawyer by profession, but over a year ago received his commission as a lieutenant at Fort Sheridan and is now first lieutenant in the Forty-Second Machine Gun Battalion, Fourteenth Division, at Camp Custer, Michigan.

The second son, Gustave A., Jr., is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and has taken the agricultural course. He was also a candidate for a commission at Fort Sheridan in the officer's Reserve Corps, and is now a First Lieutenant and organizer of the Three Hundred and Forty-Third Tank Corps Battalion, located at Camp Polk, Raleigh, North Carolina.

The family are members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Bauman is affiliated with Lambert Lodge No. 569, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and



with the Royal Arch Chapter and Knights Templar Commandery and Consistory. His sons are also members of Lambert Lodge.

AUGUST F. STOCKHECKE came to Adams County fifty years ago. For four decades he steadily pursued his way as a farmer, home maker and one of the most industrious citizens of his community, and since then has enjoyed a well earned retirement and some of the comforts of city life in a good home at 1030 Kentucky Street, Quincy.

August F. Stockhecke was born in Westphalia, Germany, September 18, 1842, son of Philip and Elizabeth (Bolkenbrink) Stockhecke, natives of the same district of Germany and German farmers. They spent all their lives in the old country and were members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Of their sons and daughters only two are now living, August and Henry. The latter when a young man came to America and has been a thrifty and progressive farmer of Mendon Township. He is married and has three children.

August F. Stockhecke grew up on his father's farm in Westphalia and had the usual common school education supplied to German boys. He was called into the army and his period of service was during a particularly eventful time in the growth of the Prussian Empire. He was in some of the campaigns of 1864-66 while Prussia was acquiring from Denmark the provinces of Schleswig-Holstein. He had some very narrow escapes and one time a shell exploded immediately in front of him and threw him down, but by some miracle left him without serious injury. At the conclusion of his army service in December, 1866, Mr. Stockhecke married Miss Wilhelmina Stockshiek. She was born in Lippe Detmold, Germany, December 7, 1842, and was reared and educated there. Her parents were Helmer and Louise (Hietkamp) Stockshiek, both natives of Lippe Detmold and farmers there. The Stockshiek family came to America and the mother died at St. Louis at the age of fifty-six, soon after arriving, while the father survived many years and passed away at the age of seventy-four. The Stockshieks were also members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Three of Mrs. Stockhecke's sisters are still living, all married and have children of their own.

Mr. Stockhecke and his young bride came to America in September 1867. They journeyed by ocean steamer, the Deutschland, from Bremen to New York City, being on the ocean seven days. From there they came west to St. Louis, spending one winter in the city, and in the spring of 1868 arrived at Quincy. For two and a half years Mr. Stockhecke made his home in Quincy, and then moved to a rented farm in Ellington Township. He also rented in Ursa Township five years. In the meantime his affairs had been prospering owing to the diligence practiced by himself and wife, and he was able to effect the purchase of 147 acres in Mendon Township. This land he converted into a fine farm, erecting good buildings both house and barns, and also increasing the area to 227 acres. Still later he invested some of his surplus in 160 acres in section 16 of the same township. That also represents a complete farm in its equipment. Mr. Stockhecke did all around farming, specializing in good livestock, and though most of his work was done in an era of low prices he was able to retire with a comfortable competence in 1908. Since then he has lived in a substantial city home, a two-story brick, seven-room residence at 1030 Kentucky Street in Quincy. Mr. Stockhecke is a republican voter, but beyond casting an intelligent vote has never been in politics. He and his family are all members of the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church. It now remains to mention briefly the children.

Herman P., the oldest, is a successful farmer in Ursa Township. He married Mary Thyson, and their family consists of Lawrence, Arthur and Minnie.

August W., the second son, occupies his father's 160 acre farm in section 16. He married Nora Starr, and their children are Bessie, Curtis and Charles.

Edward Stockhecke occupies the old homestead farm. He married Emma Opsmeyer and has a daughter, Theresa.

Elenora is the wife of a well known Quincy jeweler, Mr. Van Loher. Their children are Elma, Volta, Wilma, Lillian and Robert.

Emma Stockhecke is the wife of Walter Altenberg and lives with her parents.

**WILLIAM T. DUKER.** One of the solid, reliable and representative business men of Quincy is William T. Duker, who for over thirty years has been in business as a merchant, and is now proprietor of a general department store that would do credit to any city in Illinois.

A native of Quincy, where he was born December 14, 1861, Mr. Duker represents some well known old time families of the city. His parents were Theodore and Elizabeth (Brinckhoff) Duker. The mother was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the father was born in Hanover, Germany, and was brought to America in 1846, at an early age. The grandmother on the maternal side was named Elizabeth Von Hobbard. She was a beautiful woman, of noble birth and lineage, and left her native land because of her marriage out of the royal kin. The Brinckhoffs came to Quincy in 1846 and the husband here was a contractor and builder. This family has furnished a familiar name to Quincy in the Brinckhoff Addition in the western part of the city. Theodore Duker came to Quincy in 1848, had a cooperage shop for a number of years, and then for about fifteen years was a general merchant. He finally retired from business and died in 1906, at the age of seventy-eight. His wife passed away in 1899. William T. Duker was the oldest of the six sons of his parents, and altogether there were eleven children.

As a boy he attended the public schools of Quincy and also St. Francis' College. Experience in the line which has become his permanent vocation began as a boy clerk in a dry goods store. For a time he was in Kansas City, and in 1889 he became associated with H. B. Menke. These two enterprising men stocked with merchandise a single front building and as their enterprise prospered they put up a large store at 704 Maine Street and later leased a building at 614 Maine Street. The partnership was dissolved in 1898, and since then Mr. Duker has been in business alone. At this writing he is constructing a modern and handsome department store building, 72 by 130 feet, six stories in height, at the corner of Sixth and Maine streets. The building has two balconies, thus giving eight complete stories. It is fire proof construction, with a complete sprinkling system installed, and also modern facilities of ventilation.

February 12, 1888, Mr. Duker married Elizabeth Bowles, a native of Peoria, Illinois. They have two children, Edna B. and William T., Jr. In politics Mr. Duker is independent. He has never sought office and has rendered valuable public service through various organizations of which he is a member. He is president of the Quincy National Bank, took an active part in building the modern Hotel Quincy, and has held various offices in the Chamber of Commerce, being now vice president. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the Catholic church.

**JUDGE JOSEPH SIBLEY.** The Adams County Bench and Bar of the last century has had no more honored and dignified figure than that of Judge Joseph Sibley, who was associated with all the great lawyers and statesmen that made Illinois famous at that time, and his own abilities rank him among the best of these.

His American ancestry goes back to the time of the Mayflower in New England. The first Sibleys on leaving England settled in Connecticut, and later moved to Massachusetts. Judge Sibley's father, Aaron Sibley, spent his active life as a New England farmer at Westfield, Massachusetts. He married Tryphena Agard. Her father, Joshua Agard, enlisted from Connecticut and served in the Continental line of the Revolutionary Army. The oldest brother of Aaron Sibley, Moses Sibley, was also a Revolutionary soldier. Thus two different lines of the family are entitled to membership in the patriotic societies. Aaron Sibley and his four brothers spent their lives in Massachusetts.





*J. S. Sibley*



*Maria E. Sibley*





Judge Joseph Sibley was born at Westfield, Massachusetts, January 2, 1818. When a young man he went to Schenectady, New York, and studied law under Judge Potter. After his admission to the bar he sought a western field for his experience, and went to Nauvoo, Illinois, arriving there soon after the death of the Mormon leader, Joseph Smith. He did well in practice in that county, and in 1853 located at Warsaw, then a small but growing town.

Joseph Sibley was first chosen to the bench in 1855, when he was elected a circuit judge. His term as circuit judge ran for a longer period than that of any other judge in his district. He was on the bench twenty-four consecutive years. In 1865, in order to accommodate his residence to the exacting demands of his judicial position, he moved to Quincy, and here bought an entire square of land at 1200 North Eighth Street. There he built his large home and in the next block lived his friend, O. H. Browning, at that time a secretary in President Johnson's Cabinet. Senator Browning and Judge Sibley were fast friends. When under the new constitution Illinois established its Appellate Courts, Judge Sibley was appointed one of the three judges to represent this district, and finished out his judicial career on that bench. Judge Sibley was also a member of the Legislature two terms, 1850 and 1852.

In 1879 he retired from the bench and became associated in practice with J. N. Carter and W. H. Govert. Mr. Carter, who recently died, was a judge of the Supreme Court of Illinois. This firm was one of the most successful in Western Illinois and Judge Sibley was an active member until he was injured by slipping on a banana peel and after that was unable to participate in office practice, so he constantly received at his home his fellow lawyers and was considered invaluable to them in advice and counsel. Judge Sibley died June 18, 1897, when nearly eighty years of age. He was a lifelong democrat and a very vigorous partisan when not on the bench. He was reared in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1849, at St. Louis, he married Miss Maria E. Brackett. Mrs. Sibley, who is still living and one of the most honored women of Quincy, belongs to one of the oldest and most historic families of the state. She was born in that interesting French community of Cahokia, Illinois, February 8, 1829, daughter of Dr. James L. and Hortense (Jarrot) Brackett. Her maternal grandfather, Nicholas Jarrot, was a native Frenchman and was one of the followers of General Lafayette in bringing assistance to the sorely beset colonists at the time of the Revolution and was in the War of 1812. He died at Cahokia, Illinois. The old Jarrot mansion house at Cahokia was constructed after General Clark had conquered the Northwest. It is constructed of brick made on the grounds and still kept in good repair, having survived the earthquake of 1812 and the floods of 1844 and 1851, when the river was above the second story.

In 1776 Vital Beauvais married Feliste Jannis. The bride on that occasion wore a wedding gown made of genuine cloth of gold, which is now in possession of the family. Later, in 1828, when her granddaughters were married, this wedding gown was made into two gowns, and though 140 years old one is still preserved as a sacred relic and to all appearances is as good as new, and also her wedding ring. Another family possession is a small chest in which this French ancestor brought with him to America his stock of gold. Dr. James L. Brackett, father of Mrs. Sibley, was a son of James Brackett, a colonist of Maine and a soldier in the Revolution. Dr. Brackett when a young practicing physician came West and earned high station in his profession and as a citizen of Cahokia, where he died when past fifty-one years of age. His widow lived to be eighty-seven and her mother was ninety-six when she died.

Mrs. Sibley is thus a woman of many historic associations. She was reared and educated in St. Louis and still possesses all her faculties and takes keen enjoyment in life, so that she greatly belies her age. She is now in her ninetieth year. In the campaign for the Third Liberty Loan at Quincy Mrs. Sibley was honored and did honor to her community by marching at the head of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and going in sprightly step the entire distance

of fifteen blocks covered by the parade. She is the head of five generations, something seldom seen now-a-days, and some three years ago a picture of them was taken. She was a great-great-grandmother at eighty-six, Jarrot Sibley was a great-grandfather at sixty-four, and Julia Hartley was a grandmother at forty-two, and still none were married under twenty years.

Judge and Mrs. Sibley had two children. Jarrot Joseph, born in St. Louis in 1851, is a well known agriculturist of Mendon Township of Adams County, and has made his place a mecca for stockmen. In 1872 he married at Palmyra, Missouri, Amanda Carson, who died in 1906. They had six children. Julia is the wife of John Hartley of Kahoka, Missouri, and is the mother of seven children: Belle, who married Earl Newnham, is the mother of two children, Thurston and Marguarite; Amanda married Otto Wright; Robert and John, both unmarried; Ruth and Ruby, twins, both married; and Minah. Cora, the second child of Jarrot J. Sibley, died in infancy. The third child, and eldest son, is Nicholas J., who married Elverta Thomas in 1899, has two daughters and two sons, and is in the employ of the Government at Granger, Missouri. The fourth child, Joseph W., lives in Oregon and has three children. John S., the fifth, lives in South Dakota and is unmarried, and Grover C., the sixth, is one of the leading lawyers of St. Louis. In November, 1908, at Canton, Missouri, Jarrot J. Sibley married Louise Stewart, daughter of William Stewart, a prominent farmer in that locality.

The only daughter of Judge and Mrs. Sibley is Julia. She was well educated at Quincy Female Seminary and St. Mary's Academy. She has been an instructress in music, French and English literature. Judge Sibley was a great lover of books, and during his lifetime gathered about him what is conceded to be one of the largest private libraries in Quincy, and he also had a fine law library. His private collection contains many interesting works that have a great value among book collectors, and are rare both from point of age and also in their titles and their publishers. Mrs. Sibley is an active member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. Both she and her daughter are life members of the Quincy Historical Society, and Miss Julia is secretary of that organization. Both are also members of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Miss Julia Sibley is a former regent and registrar and corresponding secretary of the local chapter.

**JOHN B. SCHOTT.** For over sixty years the name Schott has been a distinctive one in Quincy's progressive commercial affairs. It is especially associated with Quincy's importance as a center of the manufacture and distribution of leather and saddlery products. The John B. Schott Saddlery Company, built up on the nucleus of a pioneer tannery, was subsequently advanced to a front rank among similar firms in the Middle West.

The stimulating factor and head of this business for many years was the late John B. Schott. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 28, 1833, a son of Philip Anthony and Margaret (Fischer) Schott, both of whom represented some of the most substantial families of old Bavaria, people of education and a high degree of commercial ability and integrity. Mr. Schott was a tanner, and he and his wife spent all their lives in their native town, where they died when past sixty. John B. Schott was one of six sons to grow to manhood, and all of them learned their father's trade. He acquired a liberal education, and in 1852, at the age of nineteen, started for America. He traveled on a sailing vessel and after a number of weeks landed in New York City. He worked at his trade as a tanner and currier at Cincinnati, Ohio, for about four years. It was in response to an advertisement which offered the rental of a tannery at Quincy that Mr. Schott arrived in this city on the 16th of May, 1856. He made arrangements to take over an old tannery at the corner of Sixth and State streets, and he subsequently married the daughter of the founder of that business. Though he came to Quincy with very little capital, Mr. Schott was a man of much ability in his line, and his energy enabled him to make a success



of the business. At first only six or eight men were employed but he pushed the business rapidly and in 1861 bought the property. In 1865 he bought other property at 613-615 Hampshire Street, where he engaged in the general leather business, besides conducting the old tannery. Another addition to the business came in 1875, when he took up the manufacture of horse collars. In 1877 the company engaged in the wholesale manufacture of saddlery goods, and at that time employed twenty-five men. In 1879 a building at the corner of Third and Hampshire streets was acquired and that for many years has been the headquarters of the J. B. Schott Company. In 1889 Mr. Schott erected a five story addition in Hampshire Street, a building that is still known as the Schott Building. The goods manufactured by this firm have been sold in practically every state of the Union and even abroad. From six to eight men represent the company on the road, and altogether there are about 100 employees.

John B. Schott invested much of the surplus of his business in local real estate and owns some especially valuable property between 14th and 15th streets on State Street, in which locality he had his home for forty-seven years. After only two days illness he died at his home May 6, 1910, at the age of seventy-seven. He was an independent voter, but his business position alone made him a factor of importance in the city and he was always liberal in his support of worthy causes.

February 17, 1859, Mr. Schott married at Quincy, Miss Adolphina Schleich, and they lived to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Schott, who is still living, was born near Berlin, Germany, December 9, 1839, daughter of F. Julius and Wilhelmina Schleich, both natives of Prussia. Some of her ancestors were prominent as teachers and preachers in the Lutheran church. Mrs. Schott came to America with her parents on board a sailing vessel between Bremen and Baltimore in 1847. They were six weeks in making the passage, and the family brought with them all their household equipment, including cooking utensils and beds and bedding. From Baltimore the family came on west to Quincy, where Julius Schleich established himself at his trade in a tannery. He had sought a home in the new world to become free from the political and other restrictions that sent so many liberty loving sons of the fatherland to this country during the late '40s. Julius Schleich built a tannery at the corner of Sixth and State streets which was the first institution of the kind in Quincy. Troubles assailed him in the management of this business, and he died in 1851, at the age of thirty-nine, leaving the property much involved. The tannery was finally taken over, as already noted, by the late John B. Schott, who made it the nucleus of the business just described. The widow of Julius Schleich survived him a great many years and was ninety-three years old when she passed away May 20, 1903, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Schott, with whom she had lived for over forty-five years.

The Schott home at 1421 State Street is one of the stately places in the city, and indicates in its atmosphere the substantial qualities of its owners. One special feature of the place are the fine trees growing on the spacious lawn. These trees were set out when small by Mr. and Mrs. Schott, and they now stand as living signals of their earlier lives.

Mr. and Mrs. Schott were the parents of six children, Antonia, Julia, Emma, John F., Adolph and Robert. Antonia, who lives at 1301 State Street, is the widow of Louis Wolf, formerly president of the Quincy National Bank and manager of the J. B. Schott Saddlery Company. Julia is the wife of Charles H. Lauter, manager of the Schott Company. They have two children, Carl and Margaret, the former a chemist. Emma died at the old home at the age of forty-five, unmarried. All the sons, John, Adolph and Robert, are connected with the company and business established by their father. All are married, and John has four children, John, Jr., Herbert, Theodore and Frances, while Adolph has one son, Frederick.

**JOHN J. FISHER.** There are many ways in which a city becomes known to the outside world, through its size, its striking history, its location with respect to the routes of travel, the possession of some distinctive resources or by a special line of products that it sends out to the world. It is probable that the largest number of people who have never lived in Quincy and whose destiny has never led them to a close acquaintance with the community have more associations with the name as suggestive of stove manufacture than in any way. It is of one of the men who have contributed to this fame of the city as a stove manufacturing center that this article has to deal.

In fact the Fisher family have been stove foundrymen and manufacturers in Quincy for more than half a century. John J. Fisher was born in this city July 6, 1869, a son of John C. and Mary A. (Weilage) Fisher. His father was a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and his mother of Germany. John C. Fisher was a molder by trade and coming to Quincy during the early '40s, as a young man, he engaged in work at his trade as a stove plate molder and about 1865 organized and established the Excelsior Stove Works, with which he was actively connected until his death. His associates in this business were Samuel Wood and Joseph Easterly. Subsequently, in 1890, after the death of Mr. Fisher, the Excelsior Stove Works discontinued business. His widow, who was born in Hanover, Germany, and was brought to Quincy in childhood, is still living in the city. John C. Fisher at one time represented the Third Ward in the city council.

He and his family were active members of St. Mary's Catholic Church. They had eight children, two of whom, William and Adelaide, died young. Otillia is the wife of Theodore Ehrhart; Martha is the wife of Otto Duker; the third in age is John J., of Quincy; Henrietta married F. W. Rummenie, of St. Paul, Minnesota; William Joseph and Frank H. reside in Quincy.

John J. Fisher grew up in his native city, attended St. Mary's parochial schools to the age of eleven, at which age he went to work earning his own living as clerk in a confectionery store and later in a grocery house. Then in 1884, he began an apprenticeship in the foundry of the Excelsior Stove Works and was with that company until it discontinued business in 1890.

On the first of May in that year Mr. Fisher went into the stove repair business, under the name Excelsior Stove Repair Company, and in 1893 his business was incorporated and in 1896 the capital was increased and the name changed to the Excelsior Stove and Manufacturing Company. Since then the company has manufactured stoves, ranges and furnaces under the popular trademark name "National Stoves, Ranges and Furnaces," which have been shipped to every quarter of the globe. Mr. Fisher is president and treasurer of the company and now two branch houses are maintained, one at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and the other at St. Paul, Minnesota. It is one of the larger local industries, employing several hundred men and doing an annual business valued at more than \$1,000,000.

Mr. Fisher is also vice president of the National Furniture and Stove Company St. Paul, Minnesota, is president of the Quincy Freight Bureau; is chairman of the Transportation and Classification Committee of the National Association of Stove Manufacturers and is vice president of Potter & Vaughn Company. He has acquired many other interests with business and civic enterprises and during the last year has served as a member of the National Defense Neighborhood Committee and a member of the Conservation Committee of the War Industries' Board of the National Association of Stove Manufacturers. He and his family are active members of the St. Peter's Catholic Church.

On May 31, 1902, he married Miss Ellen C. Nolen, of Quincy. Their only child, a boy, died in infancy.

Mr. Fisher has undoubtedly had a large and sustaining part in Quincy's industrial life and yet it is his disposition to refer to this role with exceeding modesty and disclaiming honor for himself gives credit for all the success of



his business to his loyal and faithful assistants, associates and workmen, who in co-operation have produced the results by which the name of the Excelsior Stove and Manufacturing Company has such interesting and worthy significance.

**JOHN J. METZGER.** Of the old time business men of Quincy one whose name is still spoken with respect due to the energy and character of its possessor is that of John J. Metzger, who was at one time connected with the pork packing industry of this city, was also a grocer and land owner, and one of the most prominent and public spirited citizens Quincy ever had.

He was born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, October 30, 1842, of Catholic ancestry. When he was three years old his parents Martin and Margaret Metzger came to the United States and after a voyage of many weeks landed in New Orleans. From there they proceeded up the Mississippi River to Burlington, Iowa, but soon located at Edwardsville, Illinois, where Martin Metzger died when past seventy years of age. After his death the family came to Quincy and located at 17 Vermont Street. Here the mother spent her last years.

John J. Metzger in early life became associated with others in pork packing, and carried on an extensive business. In early life he learned the trade of saddler and for some time worked at his trade with the late J. B. Schott. Along in the late '70s he was in the grocery business at the corner of Sixth and York streets. He finally retired and built his fine home at 533 York Street, where he lived until his death October 25, 1910, at the age of sixty-seven. He owned eighty acres of land just south of the city and since his death has been reclaimed for the purpose of cultivation by the South Quincy Drainage System. This was an improvement which he always advocated during his lifetime.

Many remember Mr. Metzger chiefly for his active connection with many public affairs and as a leader in his church. He was prominent in local politics as a democrat and was once candidate for mayor. He was one of the organizers of the first volunteer fire departments, was its first chief, and was in active service for over twenty-five years, being chief much of the time. One of the honors which he always appreciated was the chief's bugle given him by the ladies of the city. He and his family were prominent in St. Boniface parish of the Catholic Church and he was one of the organizers of the Western Catholic Union, served as its supreme president, and was also an official of the local branch and attended nearly all the conventions of the order. On October 16, 1889, his services as president of the Supreme Council received a beautiful recognition when he was presented with a gold headed cane. He was also president of the local branch known as St. Peter's No. 16, and this service was also given a grateful token when he was presented with a gold badge. He was active in the Catholic Benevolent Society.

November 9, 1864, John J. Metzger married Miss Elizabeth Kuter who was born in Quincy July 19, 1844, and has spent practically all her life at her present home on York and Sixth streets. Mrs. Metzger is well known to an intimate circle of friends and relatives as one of the most devoted wives and mothers, and has been constant in her duties to her church and all the organized activities of St. Boniface parish since early girlhood. She is a daughter of John G. and Angeles (Vos) J. Kuter, both of whom were natives of Germany, where they married. On coming to America they lived two years in St. Louis and from there came to Quincy, where they were among the first pioneers. The Kuters secured land that is now practically covered over by the growing City of Quincy. Her father died here at the age of eighty-five and her mother when eighty-one. They were named among the organizers of St. Boniface Church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Metzger were born nine children, five of whom are still living. These are Matilda, Carrie A., Crescence A., Anna C. and Arthur O. Among the deceased children George Metzger was educated in St. Francis

College and the Gem City Business School, and for some years was in the hardware business with Tenks and Cotrell. Later he was a grocery merchant and his death occurred June 25, 1913, when in the prime of life. He was active in the Catholic Benevolent Society and the Western Catholic Union. He married Mollie Gardner, now a resident of Decatur, Illinois. They had four children, Marina and Raymond J. and two who died when young. Marina is married and lives in Decatur. Raymond J. makes his home with his mother.

Matilda, the oldest of the living children of Mrs. Metzger, married Henry J. Rummenie, of St. Louis, and her children are Clifford J., Alvira E., Clarence A., Margaret and Virginia. The other three daughters are still at home and all of them have been well educated in St. Mary's Academy. The only living son Arthur O., who completed his education in St. Francis College, is now in the grocery and confectionery business.

CHARLES H. ALTENHEIN, one of the prosperous farmers of Ellington township has lived on the one farm and in one location for over fifty years, since early childhood. The farm is in section 17 and he has conducted its fields and the general business of the farm since 1890 on his own account. The farm comprises eighty acres of land and is devoted to general agriculture and stock raising. He has made a success of his enterprise, and has a good property for his purpose, being well drained soil and with excellent buildings. The livestock which he favors are Poland China hogs and Hereford cattle. Mr. Altenhein has owned this old homestead since 1907.

He was born in Melrose Township of this county, in section 20, May 11, 1864. He was three years old when he came to his present farm and grew up and attended the Center School in Ellington Township. Mr. Altenhein is a son of Frederick and Christina (Rhode) Altenhein, and some other particulars regarding the family will be found on other pages. Frederick Altenhein was born in Hanover, Germany, August 10, 1826, and his wife was born in Hesse Darmstadt June 15, 1827. He served three years in the regular army. He then joined his sweetheart and at once set out for the United States. They traveled by sailing vessel to New Orleans, were married in that city, and a year later arrived in Quincy. On reaching here they had only a dollar in cash and in order to get a start he secured employment as a wood chopper and his wife as a domestic. In 1857 they made their first purchase of land, a small farm in Melrose Township. Then, in 1868, they moved to Ellington Township, where their son Charles H. now lives. The father in addition to this homestead subsequently acquired two more farms, and was one of the most prosperous citizens of the township. He and his wife lived together many years after celebrating their golden wedding anniversary, though his wife was an invalid for several years. After they had been married nearly sixty years their companionship was broken by her death January 5, 1911. The father survived only until December 6, 1912. Both were well known, good hearted and generous people, and were charter members of St. John's Lutheran Church at Quincy. Frederick Altenhein was one of the builders and one of the chief supporters of the church, and nearly always held some church office. He was a democrat in politics.

The oldest child was Frederick Altenhein, Jr., to whom a separate sketch is dedicated on other pages. Mary, who died in 1910, left four children. John died two years after his marriage and left a widow and two small children.

Charles H. Altenhein married at Quincy, February 22, 1899, Miss Eva Feigenspan. She was born in Quincy in 1872 and was reared and educated there. Her parents came from Germany. Mrs. Altenhein is the mother of one daughter, Margaret, born December 2, 1900, and a graduate of the Quincy High School in 1918.

CHARLES HENRY FOSGATE is remembered by Quincy people and hosts of travelers who were entertained by him as the man who had the ability and resources of a hotel manager to give the Newcomb Hotel of Quincy its real .



place among the fine hotels along the Mississippi River. After his death he was succeeded in the management by his capable wife, Mrs. M. L. Fosgate, who has even improved upon the standards of management set up by her husband.

The late Mr. Fosgate had all the natural qualifications as well as experience to assist him in his hotel work. He was born at Ripon, Wisconsin, in 1872, and died at Rochester, New York, at the Whitcomb Hotel, of which he was owner, December 17, 1910. He received his education at Ripon, and at the age of eighteen began clerking in the Corning Hotel at Portage, Wisconsin, for his uncle. For a time he conducted the Union Hotel at Galesburg, Illinois, and at the age of twenty-three was proprietor of the Fosgate Hotel at Elgin. At the age of twenty-seven he came to Quincy and took over the Newcomb, and was the first to make that hotel, with its splendid equipment of buildings and other facilities, really successful from the point of view of good management. Besides his local hotel interests Mr. Fosgate was interested in the management of the Mark Twain Hotel and the Whitcomb Hotel at Rochester, New York. At one time with his brother L. R. Fosgate he conducted the Pacific Hotel at Jacksonville, Illinois.

He was a prominent member and at one time president of the Illinois State Hotel Men's Association, and also belonged to the Hotel Men's Mutual Benefit Association. He was made a Mason in Wisconsin, and during his last years was affiliated with the order at Quincy. He was also an Elk and active in the Quincy Chamber of Commerce.

Three years before his death he married at New York City, Miss Maida Lee. Mrs. Fosgate was born in North Carolina, but was reared and educated in New York City and attended the Staten Island Academy. Her father was captain of a company in the Sixty-Ninth Massachusetts Infantry early in the Civil war, and was in service until the close of that great struggle. He was at Lookout Mountain and with Sherman on the campaign to the sea, and on one of the battlefields was promoted to colonel of his regiment. After the war he went back to Boston, but later returned south to North Carolina and bought several plantations around Raleigh. While in North Carolina he married Venetia Blanche Harris whose father was a colonel in the Confederate army. Mr. Fosgate is survived by his widow and one child, Elaine Reade Fosgate, born April 11, 1909.

FLOYD W. MUNROE was admitted to the bar October 5, 1904, after successfully passing the examination at Chicago before the bar committee headed by James R. Ricks, then judge of the Supreme Court. Since that date Mr. Munroe has been achieving the better distinctions and rewards of the capable lawyer, and has his share of the best and most important practice at Quincy. Mr. Munroe is one of the men whom Judge Lyman McCarl has trained for the legal profession. He was a student under Judge McCarl for three years. Mr. Munroe is a member of the Adams County and State Bar Associations, and his practice has frequently taken him before the Supreme Court and the Federal Court. A lawyer's first case is sometimes regarded as significant of the future, but any predictions based upon that in the case of Mr. Munroe would have been a gratuitous assumption not justified by subsequent facts. Before he was admitted to practice he was employed to handle a piece of litigation tried before a country justice, and he failed to carry his point. Mr. Munroe has developed a large business in chancery and probate work.

He represents one of the oldest of American families, and traces his descent back to William Munroe, who was born in Scotland in 1625 and was member of the famous Clan of Munroe. He came to America in 1652, a prisoner of war taken by Cromwell at the battle of Worcester, and sold in service to an American proprietor. After working out his time William Munroe acquired property at what is now Lexington, Massachusetts, and thereafter was very prominent in

that historic community and was founder of the numerous Munroes not only in Lexington but elsewhere in America.

A large number of Munroes still live at Lexington. The ancestor died January 27, 1717, the father of thirteen children by two wives. The names of his sons were John, William, George, Daniel, David, Joseph and Benjamin. It was from these sons that the various branches of the family now found are descended.

History recalls the fact that more than twenty Munroes took part in the first battle of the Revolution at Lexington. Some of them had been soldiers in the earlier colonial wars, and some of them saw active service during other phases of the war for independence.

One of these men who withstood the advance of the red coats at Lexington in 1775 was Nathan Munroe, who with a number of his kinsmen was in Captain Parker's Company of Minute Men. Nathan Munroe had ten children, one of whom was Thaddeus Munroe, the pioneer of this family at Quincy.

Thaddeus Munroe, who was born at Lexington, Massachusetts, September 14, 1790, was the grandfather of Floyd W. Munroe. Thaddeus was a cabinet maker by trade, and settled in Quincy in 1835. He spent the rest of his long and useful life in the city and died at a very advanced age.

Floyd W. Munroe was born at Mendon in Adams County in 1879, a son of Warren T. and Mary A. (Higbie) Munroe, both of whom were natives of Adams County. Warren T. Munroe was born in 1837 and learned the trade of harness making. He established a business at Mendon, where he married. During the Civil war he was a soldier for three years and three months in Company I of the Ninety-First Illinois Infantry. Early in his service he was captured in Kentucky by John Morgan, but after thirty days was paroled and subsequently joined his regiment in time to participate in the Mobile campaign. He saw much hard fighting, but was never wounded. He was made sergeant of his company and at the close of the war was brevetted second lieutenant. When the war was over he resumed the harness business and finally located in 1883, at Beverly, where he conducted a general store for some years. In 1901 he retired and removed to Quincy, where he died February 1, 1915, when in his seventy-eighth year. He was a republican, while his father, Thaddeus was a democrat. His wife was born September 27, 1849, and is still living at the age of sixty-nine. They had a family of five children, three sons and two daughters, all of whom are living, married, and two of them have children.

Floyd W. Munroe married at Palmyra, Missouri, in 1908, Miss Eula Moss. She was born at Palmyra October 29, 1886, and was reared and educated there. She is a daughter of Joseph and Eula (Leggett) Moss, both of whom are still living. The maternal grandparents are John B. and Anna Leggett, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Palmyra, Missouri. John B. Leggett is now eighty-one years of age and his wife seventy-six, and on March 31, 1918, they celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Munroe have one daughter, Eulalie, born November 30, 1909, and now in the third grade of the public schools.

Mr. Munroe is affiliated with Bodley Lodge No. 1 of the Masonic Order at Quincy. His grandfather Thaddeus, was a charter member and the first junior warden of that lodge when it was organized in 1840. Warren T. Munroe was also an active member of the same order. The family is now represented in the Lodge by Floyd W. and his brother Eugene. Mrs. Munroe is a member of the Episcopal church.

FRED C. ALTENHEIN. Time and change have dealt kindly with Fred C. Altenhein, though only in accordance with his deserts. Mr. Altenhein for forty years has been a successful farmer on the southeast quarter of section 5 in Ellington Township. He has worked hard and industriously for all that he has, and his prosperity is represented by a farm of nearly 100 acres, most of



it thoroughly cultivated and well improved. His home is an eight-room modern steam heated house, and the farm buildings are most substantial, including a barn 40 by 44 feet and other facilities. Mr. Altenhein is one of the leading fruit growers of that section, having twenty-five acres in fruits of different kinds. His regular fields are cultivated to the staple crops, chiefly wheat. He also owns eighty acres in the Indian Drainage District.

Mr. Altenhein was born on Kentucky and Fifth streets in Quincy, January 24, 1854, and received his early education in the schools of Melrose in Ellington Township. He and his good wife have been married for thirty-eight years and in that time they have worked hand in hand and their splendid prosperity must be credited to them jointly.

Mr. Altenhein is a son of Fred and Christina Rhoda Altenhein, the former a native of Waldeck and the latter of Hesse Darmstadt. They were married in Germany, and soon afterward came to America and were farmers in Adams County for many years. The father died at the home of his son Fred in Ellington Township, December 6, 1912, when past eighty-six, and his wife on January 5, 1911, aged eighty-six. Both were members of the Lutheran Church.

Fred C. Altenhein married in Ellington Township Miss Anna Henhoff. She was born in Riverside Township of this county February 1, 1859, and received a good education in the Quincy schools. Her parents, Fred and Anna (Tappe) Henhoff, were also natives of Germany, coming from Bielfeld and marrying after they reached Adams County. They were also farmers and her father died as the result of an accidental fall from a wagon when about fifty years of age. Her mother died six years earlier. Both were Lutherans in religion.

Mr. and Mrs. Altenhein had five children, one of whom died in infancy and a son, Albert, at the age of twenty-five, unmarried. William F., the only living son, manages the home farm, and by his marriage to Ella M. Hoelscher, who died April 17, 1918, at the age of thirty-one, has two children, Harold and Emmett. Lenora Altenhein is the wife of Ernest Weiseman, a grocery merchant at Quincy, and has a son, Alfred A. Laura N. Altenhein was reared and educated in Ellington Township and is the wife of Otis W. Glemmore, now principal of schools at Hammond, Indiana. Mrs. Glemmore is a talented musician. She is the mother of one son, Otis.

Mr. and Mrs. Altenhein are members of the Seventh Street Lutheran Church at Quincy. He has filled all the township offices, served as justice of the peace nine years, township clerk and assessor for some years, school trustee two terms, and is a free trade democrat.

**HENRY MOELLRING.** One of the many energetic and progressive men actively engaged in cultivating the rich and fertile soil of Adams County, Henry Moellring has brought to his calling an excellent knowledge of agriculture, sound judgment and good business methods, and is meeting with well deserved success in his labors. His farm is the old Moellring homestead where he has spent practically all the days of his life, situated in Gilmer Township a half mile south of Paloma. He has a fine body of land in one of the best sections of the county, and many of its choice improvements represent his own individual contributions, including barn and house. Mr. Moellring is a fine, intelligent citizen, public spirited, and makes his presence count for good in the community.

His father, the late Henry Moellring, Sr., was born December 18, 1818, in the City of Hanover, Germany. His was a long and industrious career before coming to an honored close November 2, 1900, in his eighty-second year. When he was about thirty years of age he came to the United States and made his way to old acquaintances in the Schurmann family at Quincy. About the first work that employed him in this county was cutting wood and farm labor at six dollars a month. Thus his experiences continued for about five years. At Quincy he married Henrietta Rueter, who was born in Prussia and had come with friends to America at the age of eighteen. At Quincy she worked in several

homes until her marriage. At the time of his marriage Henry Moellring had saved enough to buy a yoke of oxen, a plow and wagon, and with this equipment he and his bride rented some land near Fowler. One of the places they rented in that vicinity is now the home of their daughter Mrs. George Steinagel. The old homestead on which Henry, Jr., now resides was bought by the parents in 1869. Henry, Sr., paid forty dollars an acre for the eighty acres of land. It was all in cultivation, but its buildings consisted only of a small stable and a two-room house. The house continued to be the nucleus of his home, though with various additions and improvements. Later he bought thirty acres a mile from the homestead, and was successfully identified with the management of this farm the rest of his life. His good wife died July 5, 1899, at the age of sixty-seven. Their children were: Anna, Mrs. J. H. Kollmeyer; Emma, who died at the age of eighteen; Lena, Mrs. George Steinagel; Louise, Mrs. William Steinagel; and Henry.

Henry Moellring, Jr., was born February 28, 1871, on the farm where he now lives. When his father died it was at the latter's special wish and desire that the son succeeded to the ownership of the homestead, after paying the interests of the other heirs. Besides the home farm he has acquired another sixty acres and operates the two places as a general farm and stock raising proposition. Mr. Moellring built his present comfortable home in 1911 and three years previously had erected his good barn. All the crops he raises he feeds on the place, and his chief money making stock is Poland China hogs, marketing about 125 every year. Mr. Moellring is now serving as director of the home schools.

February 10, 1892, he married Minnie Fischer, daughter of Henry Fischer, a well known old resident of Melrose Township, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Moellring have five children: Inez, wife of Zelma Morton, a farmer near Camp Point; Walter H., who is now taking most of the responsibilities and management of the home farm from his father; and Lydia, Esther and Roy, who are the younger people in the Moellring home circle.

**HENRY H. THYSON.** A farm home quickly reveals the character and tastes of its owner. In section 5 of Ellington Township is a farm which at once indicates the thoroughly systematic and efficient methods that prevailed among the family. Everything is spick and span and in its place, and the Thysons have the character and reputation of being quiet, domestic and harmonious people, well worthy of all the esteem they enjoy in that community.

Mr. Thyson has been a farmer at his present home for the past fifteen years. He has done much to improve both the land and the buildings. He has a barn 32 by 44 feet and an 8-room modern house. He is a general farmer and stock breeder, and has spent all his life in Adams County.

Mr. Thyson was born in Mendon Township December 19, 1868, and as a boy attended the public schools. He is a son of Herman and Caroline (Schlipman) Thyson, both natives of Germany. They came with their respective parents to Adams County by way of sailing vessel to New York, were reared and married in Adams County, and then went on the farm in Mendon Township. They spent their last years there, where the father died at the age of fifty-eight and the mother at forty-five. He was a republican and both were active members of the Lutheran church. Their five sons and four daughters are all living, all married, all but two have children, and they occupy homes in Adams County.

Henry H. Thyson married in Ursa Township Miss Edith E. Brennecke. She was born in Kentucky Street in Quincy, July 20, 1875, and as a girl attended the public and Lutheran parochial schools. Mrs. Thyson is a daughter of Charles and Charlotte (Henrichs) Brennecke, her father a native of Brunswick and her mother of Westphalia, Germany. Her father came alone to America when seventeen years old. Her mother was ten years old when her parents came to this country by way of New Orleans. Charles Brennecke was a shoemaker







*G. E. Whitlock M.D.*



by trade, married in Quincy, and after some years bought land in Ursa Township, where he lived as a farmer until his death November 27, 1911, at the age of sixty-six. His widow is still living in Ursa Township, aged seventy-two. She is a member of the Ursa Lutheran church.

Mr. and Mrs. Thyson have three children. Edgar C., born August 8, 1898, was educated in the Standard School near the old home in Ellington Township, and is now associated with his father in the management of the farm. Charlotte Ethel, born April 3, 1900, also received her education in the Standard School; Margaret B., born March 30, 1905, is still in school. The family are members of the Ursa Lutheran church. Mr. Thyson is a republican and is now serving as a school director.

**GREENBURY ELLIOTT WHITLOCK, M. D.** The residence and the scene of activities of Doctor Whitlock has been in and around the old village of Columbus more than sixty years. Doctor Whitlock retired from the active practice of medicine some years ago and resides on his farm two miles west of Columbus in Gilmer Township and fourteen miles northeast of Quincy. Farming has been an interest with him for many years, though he leaves most of the work and responsibilities to his sons.

Many hundreds of families in the eastern part of Adams County appreciate the quiet and effective services rendered by Doctor Whitlock in that community. In his individual career he has lived up to some very excellent family traditions.

The record of the Whitlock family in America goes back nearly three centuries. Including Doctor Whitlock's sons there have been eight generations of the family in this country.

The founder was Thomas Whitlock, who was born in Devonshire, England, in 1620, and immigrated to Massachusetts in 1640. His first settlement was at Salem, later, in 1645, he moved to Gravesend, Long Island, and in 1667 to Monmouth County, New Jersey. He died in 1703 at Shoal Harbor, New Jersey. A brief record of the subsequent generations in this branch is as follows: 2. John, who died at Middletown, New Jersey. 3. Thomas and John, sons of John, and the latter also lived and died in Monmouth County. 4. James. 5. John Whitlock, son of James and Jane (Cruiser) Whitlock, served as a private in the Revolutionary Army, and four of his cousins were also represented in the same struggle. 6. John, born in 1775, married Lydia Howell, and from Sussex County, New Jersey, they moved by wagon and team over the trackless wastes of the Middle West and settled in Butler County, Ohio. John Whitlock died in that county. 7. Derrick Whitlock was an old and prominent character in Adams County, Illinois, and was the father of Doctor Whitlock.

Derrick Whitlock was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, April 2, 1817, and a few months later was taken by his parents to Butler County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. December 18, 1839, he married Miss Rachel Elliott, who was born in Butler County, March 13, 1818. Derrick Whitlock during his early life followed the trade of tailor. In 1853 he brought his family West to Adams County, and established his home at Columbus. Two of his brothers-in-law, Samuel Elliott and D. L. Hair, had located in the same community of Adams County two years before. John Elliott came at the same time as his sister and Derrick Whitlock. John Elliott was at one time in business at Quincy, later was a hotel man at St. Louis, and finally moved out to California, where he died. Samuel Elliott settled in Hancock County, Illinois. Another of the Elliott brothers, William, located in Northeast Township of this county, and for a number of years served as superintendent of the county farm. His son, William B. Elliott, is now representative of the International Harvester Company at Helena, Montana. A daughter of William Elliott lives near Canton, Missouri.

After coming to Adams County Derrick Whitlock was a general merchant at Columbus for fourteen years, from 1857 to 1871. At that time Columbus was a flourishing inland village and lost its original prosperity largely through the competition of towns situated on the railroad. Derrick Whitlock also served as postmaster at Columbus during the Civil war, and from 1860 to 1887 was a justice of the peace. He lived retired in the village of Columbus until his death in 1892. He was a loyal democrat and adherent of Stephen A. Douglas until the close of the Civil war, when he became affiliated as a republican. He was very active in the Methodist Episcopal Church, a Sunday school worker, and a strong temperance man. He was also affiliated with the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The Whitlock family has furnished many notable men to the ministry of the Methodist Church and various professions. Derrick Whitlock was a nephew of Rev. Dr. Elias Whitlock, whose son, Brand Whitlock, has for a number of years been one of the America's foremost leaders of public opinion and promoters of American ideals of democracy, and as United States Minister to Belgium has attained international fame. Another nephew of Derrick Whitlock was William Francis Whitlock, for many years prominent as a professor in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware.

The wife of Derrick Whitlock died in 1896. Of their four children only two came to mature years, Louisa, who married Dr. N. H. McNeall, and of her family further mention is made on other pages of this publication; and Dr. Greenbury Elliott.

Dr. Greenbury Elliott Whitlock was born in Butler County, Ohio, October 12, 1850, and was three years of age when brought to Illinois. He attended the common schools, also the Abingdon College in Illinois, and graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University with the class of 1874. Among his classmates at Ohio Wesleyan was N. Luccock, who for many years has been prominent in the Methodist Episcopal Church and since 1912 has been a bishop of that church. Doctor Whitlock began his medical studies under a physician at Delaware, Ohio, also studied a year with Doctor Henry at Columbus, Illinois, and finished his course in the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1876, and in the fall of the same year began practice in the village of Columbus. It was only after thirty-eight years of continuous work in the profession that he retired in 1914. Doctor Whitlock practiced over all the country around Columbus, riding and driving without thought of hardship or other inconvenience. When he began practice he had to carry most of his medicines with him and as he went on with his work he adapted himself from year to year not only with the new and enlarged scope of medical science, but also to such improvements and aids to the medical practitioner as telephone, automobile and modern highways. He was always active in medical societies, serving as president of the county society, and adhered closely to the regular school of medicine. During the first ten years he gave undivided attention to his professional duties, and in 1885 bought his farm in Gilmer Township where he now resides and to which he has given some portion of his time and energies for many years. For four years during the '90s he was also proprietor of a general store at Columbus. Doctor Whitlock is now serving his twenty-fourth year as justice of the peace, having first been elected to that office in 1892. In politics he cast his first ballot as a republican and became a democrat on the silver question. Doctor Whitlock has given his service as a member of the Exemption Board of Adams County, and is one of the men whose personal character and activities constitute them natural leaders of public opinion. He has filled all the chairs in the local lodge of Odd Fellows, has been representative to the Grand Lodge, and has the rank of Past Noble Grand.

December 4, 1877, Doctor Whitlock married Mary Frances Booth, who was born in Adams County March 4, 1854, and died September 29, 1909. She was



born in Gilmer Township and was a daughter of William A. Booth of that township. Doctor Whitlock has two sons, Derrick B. and Halford B. These sons handle the operations of the home farm. Derrick is married, his wife being Alta Tilton. They have two children, Derrick and Grace.

**RICHARD R. HARNES.** To mention the name Harness is to recall the earliest family identified with the permanent settlement of Lima Township. To record the time of that settlement it is necessary to go back ninety years, to the year 1828, when Joseph Harness, a native of St. Clair County, Illinois, invaded this section of the wilderness and erected the first house, about two miles northwest of where the Town of Lima now stands. The maiden name of his wife was Nancy Worley. Their daughter Julia was the first white child born in the township. Joseph Harness, who was of German ancestry, was a man of very distinctive character and many stories are told of his personality. The only picture he ever had taken shows a man of strength both physically and mentally. His ability brought him large possessions and at one time he owned 800 acres, partly in Adams and partly in Hancock counties. This land he distributed among his children, and some of it is still owned by them. He was one of the pioneer raisers of cattle and mules, and his name was also identified with the early history of fruit growing in the county. About 1835 he established a nursery and sold much of the stock which supplied the early orchards of this part of the state. It is said he was the first man to graft and bud trees, a custom which is now the vital feature of fruit growing. At one time he was probably the largest apple grower in the county. He was also a noted hunter. In this sport, which he pursued largely as a means of supplying his table with meat, he relied upon the old fashioned muzzle loading rifle. He was an expert in its use, and it is said that he killed sixteen deer in seventeen successive shots. He also was fond of telling a story of killing five deer with one bullet. His reputation for veracity and uprightness was greater than that for a keen sense of humor, and few strangers on hearing the story would have disputed it. His son Richard R., however, who was about ten years old when he first heard the tale, was disposed to question its truthfulness and showed an attitude of doubt until the matter was explained. His father satisfied him with the explanation that it was one bullet but five different shots that did the execution. Each time he recovered the bullet from the deer and used it over and over again until the one missile had slain five animals. Joseph Harness was a democrat, but had no fondness for local offices, and so far as known never held any. He died on the old farm in 1881, in his ninetieth year, and he and his wife had enjoyed their marriage companionship for sixty years. She survived him three years and passed away at the age of ninety. Joseph Harness was a member of the Masonic Order at Lima, and was representative two years in the Grand Lodge, and he also belonged to Mendon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, the Knight Templar Commandery at Quincy, and the Medina Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Chicago. Among other characteristics Joseph Harness had a voice of wonderful strength and carrying power. From his farm to the Mississippi River a distance of seven or eight miles intervened, but old rivermen frequently claimed that they could distinctly hear him calling his stock. One night a prowling wolf came into his yard, and was attacked by his dogs. Thinking that the dogs were getting the worst of it Mr. Harness jumped up out of bed and barefooted and bare-legged, with only his hunting knife, started out and got close enough to make one stab at the wolf, but missed and then started in pursuit. He and the dogs kept up the chase for fully three quarters of a mile, until the wolf made its escape. He then realized that other dangers were present and made his way back home very carefully, fearing that every step would expose him to the bite of a rattlesnake.

Joseph Harness and wife's three living children are: Julia Ann, widow of

Jason Strickland, of Liberty, Missouri; Nancy, widow of James Ellis, living in California; and Richard R.

The old Harness home in Lima Township, 2½ miles northwest of Lima and on the Hancock County line, is now owned by Richard R. Harness, and he was born on that farm February 28, 1841. Practically all his life has been spent in that one community, and he now owns about half of the land formerly held by his father. The Harness home is in Adams County, while his barn is over the county line in Hancock. They are twenty-eight miles from Carthage and twenty-two miles from Quincy. Mr. Harness is a capable and progressive farmer and one of the leading grain and stock raisers in his vicinity. In politics he is a democrat.

At the age of twenty-three he married Miss Rilla Ann Crenshaw, daughter of Paschal Crenshaw of Hancock County. The Crenshaws located in that community in the spring of 1827. Rilla Crenshaw was twenty years of age when she married Mr. Harness. She died at the age of sixty-five. Mr. Harness has three sons and two daughters: George M., the oldest, lives in the same community with his father and married Lizzie Vinson. Charles C., who farms part of his father's place in Hancock County, is the second in age. Callie Gertrude is the wife of Elmer Miller, and they live on part of the farm. Jasper, who is operating the home place, married Verna Nicholson, of Ursa Township, and their children are Hugh Carlton, Wilma Emaline, Richard Lafayette, Russell Paul and Leo Elizabeth. Effie, the youngest of the family, is the wife of Doctor Parker, formerly of Lima but now of Clayton.

LOUIS HENERHOFF. Adams County has its fair share of the fertile soil of Illinois, and taking the farms as a whole they measure up to the best standards of cultivation and management found in other prosperous sections of the state. But there is a wide difference between individual farms, and this difference is largely a reflection of the owner and manager and the methods employed. It is largely this personal element which accentuates the character of the Henerhoff farm, a mile south of Lima. On the road from Lima to Quincy it would be difficult to find a farm more skillfully kept and managed than this place. The farm is a monument to the industry and abilities of Louis Henerhoff, who is an eminently practical farmer, but began life poor and without special resources except those contained within his own work and character.

Mr. Henerhoff was born three miles east of Lima in that township March 13, 1861, a son of William Henerhoff. William Henerhoff came to this country from Germany, and he and his wife brought with them four children. Three children were born in Illinois. The family settled here about 1859, and had previously lived in Ellington Township. Louis Henerhoff was only two years old when his mother died, and when he was five years old his father died at Tioga in Hancock County. Louis is one of three sons and four daughters, being the youngest son. His brothers, August and Fred, are farmers in Lima Township. The four daughters are: Haannah, widow of H. Honer, of Lima; Rika, who died in 1895, the wife of Casper Elderbrook; Gusta, who lives in Hancock County, the widow of Henry Dix; and Minnie, who is the wife of Herman Elleman, and lives ten miles east of Quincy.

At the time of his father's death, which made him an orphan, Louis Henerhoff went to live with his sister Mrs. Elderbrook, and her home was the only one he could claim until he was twenty-eight years of age. With only a meager education in the common schools he began work at the age of fourteen, and for many years worked out with farmers at wages from \$10 to \$20 a month. He was thrifty as well as industrious, and managed to accumulate something each year in the way of savings. For four years he farmed in Hancock County with his brother Fred.

At the age of twenty-eight he established a home of his own by his marriage to Hannah Holtman, daughter of Fred and Hannah Holtman. The Holtman



home was a half mile east of Marcelline. Mrs. Henerhoff was born in Quincy, where her father was a prominent carpenter and builder until she was sixteen years of age, when they moved to the farm. Mrs. Henerhoff was twenty years old when she married.

After their marriage they rented the George Earhart farm of 240 acres in Lima Township for seven years, and there got their real start. From their savings and earnings they then bought their present place of a hundred acres, known as the Conner Reager farm. For that land he paid sixty-five dollars an acre. Mr. Henerhoff at once erected the comfortable house which still adorns the place and has also put up a barn and made many other improvements. Besides this homestead he owns a farm of seventy-six acres across the road, improved with a set of buildings, and has another forty acres elsewhere. He paid as high as seventy-five dollars an acre for some of his land, but considering the present range of prices it was all acquired at a very reasonable figure. Mr. Henerhoff found the land when he acquired it drained of its best resources by many years of successive cropping, and one of his best achievements has been in restoring the soil fertility. He has practiced rotation of crops and has always used fertilizer generously. He keeps a bunch of cattle, horses and hogs that furnish much fertility for the farm, and he has also bought fertilizer. For a few years he was a cattle feeder, but would now be classed as a general farmer.

Mr. Henerhoff is a trustee of the German Evangelical Church at Ursa. He and his wife have four children. Selma is the wife of Elmer Grimmer, and they live on her father's seventy-six acre farm above mentioned. Edith is the wife of Guy Conover, and their home is two miles west of Lima. Emil, who now has the active management of the homestead, married Ella Baker. The youngest, Alma, is still in the home circle.

CHARLES C. CROOKS is secretary of the Crooks Brothers Millinery Company, the exclusive wholesale and retail millinery house in Quincy, and an institution which has been built up and developed by the Crooks Brothers during the last thirteen years to a point where it now enjoys a commanding position in the millinery trade over several states.

The business was incorporated November 20, 1905. The first president of the corporation was the late Frank Cox, who died in 1907. Since then his position has been filled by R. Edward Crooks, while Thomas A. Crooks is treasurer. Mr. Charles C. Crooks has been secretary of the business since it was established. These three brothers have equal partnership interests.

The house is located at 514 Maine Street, where they have a beautifully equipped store occupying three floors and basement, and all devoted to the different departments of the business. This firm has been the medium for the importation and distribution over the Middle West of many of the most exclusive French modes, and as wholesalers their field of distribution covers Illinois, Missouri and Iowa and even other western states. They keep from six to eight traveling representatives on the road, while in the local retail department they employ from twenty-five to thirty milliners. They also maintain a staff of trimmers numbering about fifty, who each season carry the ideas of the Crooks Brothers Millinery Company to the various retail establishments of the firm throughout the trade territory.

The Crooks Brothers came to Quincy from Keokuk, Iowa, where they received part of their school education and early business training. They are all thoroughly familiar with the millinery business, and each has developed special proficiency along different lines. They were born in Kentucky, and spent part of their youth near Louisville. Their father Rev. John C. Crooks, was a native of Kentucky and a Methodist minister. He died in 1875, in the prime of life. His wife, Virginia Montague, was also a Kentuckian by birth, and some years

ago came to Quincy and is now enjoying the comforts of a fine home, surrounded by her children, who still consider their mother's residence their own home. She is now seventy-eight years of age and very vigorous for her years.

She was the mother of four sons and one daughter: John W., who is married and still lives in Kentucky; Mrs. Charles A. Cox of Quincy; R. Edward, a bachelor; Charles C., who married Ada B. Willson, of Quincy, and has two children, Charles C., Jr., and Robert E.; and Thomas A. Crooks, who married Emily Wagner, of Keokuk, Iowa, and their two children, Thomas A., Jr., and Robert Wagner, are both in the city schools.

The three brothers are members of the Masonic order. Their firm is represented in the Quincy Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Charles C. Crooks is a member and a director of the Quincy Rotary Club.

**HENRY MIDDENDORF.** There is great worth to a community in the establishment and development of sound, well financed and honorably conducted business enterprises, and of these Quincy has a number and among the most important may be mentioned the lumber and building material firm of Middendorf Brothers & Company, of which Henry Middendorf is vice president.

Henry Middendorf is a member of an old family here and was born at Quincy July 6, 1854, the second son in a family of eight children born to Bernhard H. and Elizabeth (Jelsing) Middendorf, as follows: Elizabeth, who is the widow of William Schlagheck, of Quincy; Catherine, who died in childhood; William M., who is president of the Broadway Bank of Quincy and a member of the firm of Middendorf Brothers & Company; Henry; Mary and Frank, both of whom are deceased; Theodore, who is a member also of the above firm; and Joseph, who is a Franciscan monk, connected with St. Joseph's College, Teutopolis. Both parents were born in Germany and both died at Quincy, Illinois, the father in 1885 and the mother in 1905, having been residents here since 1849.

Henry Middendorf attended the parochial school until he was thirteen years old and then began to work in a factory, his task there being the painting of chairs, and afterward he served in a bakery long enough to gain a fair knowledge of that business. An opportunity came just then for work on a farm and for three years he maintained familiar relations with hoe, harrow and plow, and then spent two years learning the cooper's trade. The youth therefore had made excellent use of his time before he ever entered the lumber business, but since then has made no change and spent thirty years in lumber yards and sawmills prior to 1912, when he bought an interest in the firm of Middendorf Brothers & Company, of which his eldest brother, William M., is president and he is vice president. This house, with its well established reputation for business integrity, does an immense business at Quincy and up and down the river, and it may be classed as one of the city's most prosperous business enterprises.

Henry Middendorf was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Rees, who is a daughter of Casper and Barbara (Durley) Rees, old residents of Quincy. To this marriage the following children were born: George, who is in business at Quincy; Ida, who is the wife of Walter Bernsen, of Quincy; Raymond, in the United States Army now serving his country in France; Henry, also in the United States Army; and Helen and Arthur, both of whom live at home.

In politics Mr. Middendorf has always been a sound democrat, giving hearty support to his party's candidates but never being willing to accept any political favors. He is a faithful member of St. Francis Catholic church and his children have been carefully reared in the faith. He is a member of the Western Catholic Union and frequently has served on church and civic committees, mainly of a charitable nature, on which his good judgment and practical ideas have made him very useful.



**WILLIAM H. ANCK.** Among the many enterprising and trustworthy men that are prominently identified with the mercantile affairs of Quincy is William H. Anck, a son of the late John Anck, who became interested in the meat trade of the city nearly three decades ago, establishing a business that is now being successfully conducted by his sons, who have a large and well-kept meat market at the corner of Broadway and Eleventh Street. A native of Adams County, Illinois, he was born October 15, 1884, not far from Columbus.

Locating in Quincy in 1889, John Anck built up a fine business as a pork packer, and conducted it with excellent results until his death. The maiden name of his wife was Isabel Neista. She, too, has passed to the life beyond. Of their large family of children but six are living, as follows: Josephine, wife of Henry Hedrick, of Rock Island, Illinois; Marie, wife of Charles Schmidt, of Chicago; Casper, born August 15, 1875, a member of the firm of Anck Brothers; John, of Quincy; William, the subject of this brief sketch; and Edward, engaged in the meat business in Quincy.

But five years old when his parents removed to Quincy, William H. Anck obtained his early education in the city schools. Soon after attaining his majority, following in the footsteps of his father, he embarked in the meat business, with his brothers Casper and John opening a meat market. Successful in their operations, this enterprising firm assumed possession of the building it now occupies and owns in 1911, and has since continued in business with the same good success, having by straightforward, upright dealing won the confidence of the community and built up an extensive and lucrative trade.

William H. Anck married, July 14, 1913, Lillian Mitchell. John Anck, who sold his interest in the meat market to his brothers in 1915, married, October 4, 1904, Florence Lyle King, and they have one child, Marie, born February 5, 1906. Politically all of the Anck brothers are earnest supporters of the principles of the democratic party.

**FATHER DIDACUS, O. F. M.,** has been rector of St. Francis Solanus Church and School, a complete account of which noble Catholic institution is published in the general history section of this work.

Father Didacus was at the head of St. Francis Solanus for six years, till August, 1918, when he became a missionary. His assistant was Father Francis Werhand, O. F. M., who graduated from St. Joseph's College, Teutopolis, Illinois, in 1903. In 1915 he came from Santa Barbara, California, to Quincy, and has since then been assistant.

Father Didacus was born in Germany, but was reared from childhood in Chicago, where his parents lived and where his brother Charles still has his home. He was educated in St. Augustine's parochial school and took his philosophical and theological courses in the Franciscan Monastery, St. Louis, Missouri. He was admitted to the order of St. Francis in 1900 and in 1907 was ordained by Archbishop Glennon of St. Louis. He then did pastoral work at Montrose, Illinois, at Island Grove in Jasper County of this state, and for a time was in Wien, Chariton County, Missouri. From there he came to Quincy, where his work as a constructive leader received the grateful appreciation of the people and his church superiors. He was the successor of Father Columban, who was here for two years. Probably the most noteworthy material additions to the church property during Father Didacus' administration were made when \$7,000 were expended improving the school and a fine pipe organ was installed at a cost of \$7,000.

**ARTHUR H. HEIDEMANN.** One of the old business concerns of Quincy, one that has been carried on continuously for a half century or more, is the retail lumber house of which Arthur H. Heidemann is manager. This business was founded by Mr. Heidmann's maternal grandfather, Herman H. Merten.

Arthur H. Heidemann was born at Quincy, Illinois, July 4, 1874. His parents were John William and Juliana (Morten) Heidemann. The father was born in Germany and the mother in St. Louis, Missouri. The families came to Quincy about 1853, where the paternal grandfather, Herman Heidemann, established himself as a tailor, and the maternal grandfather embarked in the lumber business. John William Heidemann was a bookbinder by trade but later he went into his father-in-law's lumber business, succeeding to the same and continued to be interested until the time of his death, June 1, 1906. His first wife died September 27, 1881. They had two children, Orlinda Anna and Arthur H. In August, 1883, John William Heidemann was married to Matilda Meyer, who is now deceased. The children of that marriage were: Walter, who died in childhood, Meta C., Emma C., and Matilda M.

Arthur H. Heidemann attended first the parochial school in the parish belonging to St. Peter's Evangelical Church, later the Quincy public schools and subsequently a commercial school in this city. About five years before his father's death he became identified with the lumber business, as his father's manager at length but at first as bookkeeper, and has continued manager with his sister, Miss Orlinda A. Heidemann as assistant manager. The business has been gradually expanded and the plant enlarged but the old firm name continues and the same honest business policy is adhered to. Mr. Heidemann, like his grandfather and father, has proved not only an able business man but an upright one.

Mr. Heidemann was married April 15, 1902, to Miss Amelia Peter, who was born at Burton, Illinois, and they have two children: Arthur W., who was born April 9, 1905; and Juliana, who was born December 10, 1912. Mrs. Heidemann is a member of the Lutheran Memorial Church at Quincy, and Mr. Heidemann of St. Peter's Lutheran Evangelical Church, and both are active in these congregations in furthering mission work and aiding in their various commendable plans of benevolence.

Mr. Heidemann is an independent voter, believing in this way he can best use his influence as a public-spirited citizen, which fact he has very often demonstrated. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and has taken both the Scottish and York rites. He belongs also to the Elks and to the great lumber organization known as the Concatenated Order of Hoo Hoo.

**JAMES B. CORRIGAN.** During his many years of residence in Quincy and Adams County James B. Corrigan has become known to his fellow citizens as a capable public official, a man of legal training and of thorough business ability. Since 1907 he has been engaged in the general insurance business in the Heintz Building at 300½ North Sixth Avenue.

Mr. Corrigan was born in this county February 21, 1856, of Irish parents, a son of James and a grandson of Bernard Corrigan both of whom were natives of Tyrone, Ireland, and of old Irish Catholic stock. Bernard Corrigan came to the United States with his family in 1838, the voyage being made in a sailing vessel and two months were spent in crossing. From New York City he went to Pennsylvania, but after a brief sojourn came west to Quincy in 1844 and bought and settled on a farm in Liberty Township. He cleared up much of his land and was a prosperous and well-to-do farmer in that locality for many years. He died when about fourscore years of age. He and his family were members of St. Peter's Catholic Church. He and his wife are buried side by side in the cemetery of that church. Their sons and daughters are all now deceased.

James Corrigan, Sr., was a young man when the family settled on the old farm in Liberty Township, and that home is still in the family, being now occupied by Daniel Corrigan, a brother of James B. James Corrigan married at Boston, Massachusetts, Sarah Hart, who was born in the same locality in County Tyrone as he was, and soon after she landed in the United States at







Yours Truly  
J. H. Best



Boston they married. James Corrigan brought his bride to Adams County and to the old homestead, where they spent the rest of their years. James Corrigan died at the age of eighty-four, and his widow died in the same year, at seventy-eight years of age. They were members of the Catholic church, formerly of St. Peter's in Quincy but later of the church in their home township, where they are both buried. James Corrigan was a democratic voter. In the family were two daughters and seven sons, all of whom married, and all are living except John. The living children are Catherine, Bernard, Ella, Daniel, James B., Frank, Felix and Sylvester.

James B. Corrigan spent his early life on the old homestead which has been with the Corrigans now for three generations. He attended the local schools, also the Camp Point High School, and is a graduate of St. Francis College of Quincy. His early law studies were directed by the firm of Sibley, Carter & Covert at Quincy, and he also attended law school of Chaddock College. He has used his legal training to good advantage in different ways, but has never formally practiced. His first official service was as deputy under Benjamin Heckley, sheriff at the time. Later he was clerk in the county treasurer's office for four years, and was then elected to succeed John B. Kreitz as county treasurer. Following his regular term in the office he was assistant in the treasurer's office, for a time was engaged in the hardware business in Quincy, then sold and returned to the treasurer's office as assistant until 1907, when he engaged in the insurance business.

Mr. Corrigan married at Quincy Miss Agnes C. Bernbrock. She was born in the State of California of German ancestry, but was reared and educated in Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Corrigan are members of St. Peter's Church and he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Western Catholic Union. Mr. Corrigan is a democrat in his political views.

JOHN H. BEST is one of Quincy's oldest and most honored business men. He has been president of the Illinois State Bank of Quincy since it was organized July 1, 1909, and the splendid condition of this institution reflects highly upon his ability as a banker and general business man. When it was organized the bank had a capital of \$125,000, which sixty days later was increased \$100,000, and in May, 1916, to its present capitalization of \$300,000. The Illinois State Bank today has aggregate resources of over \$2,500,000 and its deposits total over \$2,000,000. It transacts a general commercial banking business, and is also authorized to act as a trust company.

The home of the Illinois State Bank is one of the well known landmarks of the Quincy district, at the corner of Sixth and Hampshire streets, in the splendid seven-story terra cotta building, one of the leading office structures of the city. Mr. Best shares his honors of continuous connection with this institution with Mr. William J. Singleton, the vice president, and William Rupp, Jr., the cashier, both of whom have been with the institution since it started. The directors are all prominent business and professional men of Quincy, including besides the executive officers, H. Weems, G. A. Urban, Will J. Heintz, E. V. Moorman, Prof. J. H. Crafton, and Hon. Lyman McCarl.

Mr. Best comes of old Scotch-Irish ancestry. He and his family are Episcopalians and his ancestors were for many generations actively identified with the Episcopal or Established Church of England. His father, John H. Best, Sr., and his grandfather, William Best, were both born in County Monaghan, Ireland. William Best was an Episcopal curate. He was twice married. His first wife was Margaret Stockdale, who was born in County Monaghan. She died there leaving two children, William and Charlotte. Charlotte became the wife of William B. Finley, an Episcopal curate who succeeded to the position of his father-in-law. William Best married for his second wife Mary McCabe. They came to the United States in 1839 and settled in Adams County, where they spent their last years. William died at the age of sixty-seven.

For a time they affiliated with the Methodist Church in Quincy, but finally returned to the church of their old faith. William Best was a whig and later a republican, and his death occurred before the Civil war.

John H. Best, Sr., was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, in 1813, and was reared and educated there. At the age of fifteen he came alone to America, arriving a stranger in a strange land after a six weeks' voyage. He had learned the painter's trade in Ireland, and followed that occupation in New York City for about two years. He then went to Philadelphia, where he married Miss Ann J. Adams. She was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1816, and was thirteen years old when she came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Adams, to Philadelphia. Her father and mother spent their last years in Philadelphia, where they died when quite old. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of one son and four daughters. William Adams, Jr., was captain of a company in the Mexican war, being wounded at the battle of Monterey, and after his return became a captain of ordnance at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, where he died.

John H. Best, Sr., and wife were married in February, 1837, and a year later they arrived at Quincy, where he followed his trade as a painter and painting contractor and also conducted a paint store at the corner of Third and Main. On the site which he occupied as his business center for many years now stands a solid and substantial block, three stories high, erected by his sons John H. and Ezra as a memorial to their father. A tablet on the building tells briefly the business record of John H. Best, Sr. This building was erected in 1896 and is now a paper warehouse. John H. Best, Sr., died in Quincy, April 9, 1882, and his widow passed away July 10, 1890, in Los Angeles, but was brought back and laid to rest beside her husband in Woodlawn Cemetery. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church and in politics the father was a republican.

John H. Best, Jr., was born in Quincy September 15, 1841, and has lived in this city for more than three quarters of a century. He was educated in the city public schools and the Bryant & Stratton Business College, and in early life spent eight years in farming. Later he learned the art of telegraphy and became an active man in local transportation circles. He was for a number of years traffic manager and agent for the Quincy, Omaha and Kansas City Road.

Mr. Best also has a public record, having served as alderman from the Sixth Ward, and in 1907 he was elected mayor of the city, and the following two years gave a very progressive administration to the municipal affairs. He has always been a republican.

Mr. Best married at Quincy Sophia A. Daneke, who was born in Quincy of German parents. Her father and mother were early settlers here, her father being a victim of the cholera epidemic in 1849. Her mother died about eight years later. Mr. and Mrs. Best have one daughter, Alberta B., now the wife of Edwin S. Massie. Mr. and Mrs. Massie live in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Best. The family are members of the Episcopal Church and Mr. Best has been affiliated with the Masonic order since 1868.

Besides his interests as a banker Mr. Best is almost equally well known as a farmer on an extensive scale. He has one of the complete and well arranged farms of the county, comprising 300 acres, all developed and intensively cultivated except twenty acres of native timber. He also has 300 acres in Pike County, Missouri, and four different farm tracts comprising 1,000 acres in Marion County, Missouri. As a boy Mr. Best had considerable experience, and besides the result of that early influence which has led him to invest his means in farm real estate, he derived from it in part at least his splendid physical constitution, which keeps him erect, rugged and vigorous in the prosecution of his affairs, though past the age of three score and ten.



J. GEORGE BIRKENMAIER is one of the solid and substantial business men of Quincy, has been a resident of the city thirty-five years, and for twenty-five years has been distributing and purveying meats and provisions to a constantly growing circle of patrons. He is one of the most popular and progressive men in the business at Quincy.

An American citizen since early manhood, he probably appreciates and can support more enthusiastically American institutions than many native born. He was born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, October 23, 1866, and he and several brothers came to this country for the express purpose of freeing themselves from the military system and autocratic rule of the old country. His parents were J. George and Catherine (Kroetz) Birkenmaier, natives of the same country, his mother being of Austrian ancestry. His parents spent all their lives in Wuerttemberg, and the father died there when about seventy and the mother at forty-three. The father was a farmer and wine grower. The Birkenmaiers were of Lutheran faith. The first of the family to come to America was J. Jacob Birkenmaier, who arrived in 1878, while his brother John came in 1879. Jacob finished his education in the Gem City Business College at Quincy, and is a well-to-do man, a resident of San Francisco. John lives in Chicago and is married and has a family.

J. George Birkenmaier lived in his native province until he was sixteen years of age, and while there acquired the fundamentals of knowledge as taught in the German common schools. In 1882 he set out for the New World, taking passage on a steamship at Antwerp and landing in New York City fourteen days later. He came on to Quincy to join his brother John, his brother Jacob having gone west. For six months he lived in Barry, Pike County, Illinois, and there attended school in his effort to acquire the best possible knowledge of the English language. Later his brother Christ came to this country and is now a farmer in the State of Colorado, and has sons and daughters, some of his sons being in the Government service.

In 1883 Mr. Birkenmaier located in Quincy and was employed by several local butchers, under whom he learned his trade. About twenty-five years ago he engaged in business for himself, his first location being at Sixth and Maiden Lane, from there moving to 912 Maine Street, some years later to the corner of Maine and Ninth streets, and in 1905 he bought the interest of his partner, the late A. August Long, and moved across the street to his present location, where he owns a good business house 24x65 feet and also leases the adjacent store. His first partner in the meat business, with whom he was associated four or five years, was Chris Duker, now a well known commission merchant of Quincy. Mr. Birkenmaier handles many of the standard lines of meat products, and also manufactures a large amount of sausage in his own shop.

In Quincy Mr. Birkenmaier married Miss Wilhelmina Koch. She was born in Quincy, reared and educated here, and is a daughter of Gottlieb and Catherine (Bresing) Koch. Her parents were both born in Prussia, but were married after they came to Quincy. Her father died at the age of seventy-five and her mother at sixty. Mr. Koch was a cooper by trade. The thorough Americanism of the Birkenmaier family needs no further proof when it is stated that one of the sons is now in France with the Allied Armies, and another is awaiting his call to the service under the new age limits. The family consists of three sons and two daughters. Carl J., now twenty-two years of age, joined the National Guard at nineteen and is now a member of the Thirty-Third Division and has been in France since May, 1918. The second son, Robert G., aged nineteen, is employed by his father while awaiting the call to military duty. The third son, George, Jr., is acquiring a knowledge of military science as student in a military school. Edna is in the Quincy High School, Edith is in the grammar school. The family are members of the Lutheran church, and Mr. Birkenmaier is independent in local politics and votes as a republican in national affairs.

FRANK E. MORRIS. One of the most flourishing industries of Quincy is the Morris Brothers Shoe Company, which as a business is a lineal successor of one of the pioneer shoe factories of the Middle West. Quincy was fortunate in inducing the Morris Brothers to locate here a few years ago, and this is now one of the few industries of the city that produce goods to a total value of over \$1,000,000 annually.

The business was established at Quincy in February, 1914, and on February 8, 1916, it was incorporated as the Morris Brothers Shoe Company, with a capital stock of \$85,000. Frank E. Morris is president of the corporation, Evan F. Morris is secretary, William J. Morris is vice president, and two other brothers are on the board of directors. It is a close corporation, the capital stock of 600 common shares and 250 preferred shares being practically all owned by the brothers.

The main factory building, comprising nearly half a block, is located at 237-239 North Second Street. About 450 people are employed. They manufacture all kinds of men's dress shoes, workmen's medium grade shoes, and in 1918 completed a separate factory for the manufacture of interlined shoes for mechanics. The goods of this company are sold everywhere. In four years time the business has been built up to an aggregate value of \$2,000,000 a year.

While never a resident of Quincy, the real pioneer and founder of the business was the father of Morris Brothers, Evan Morris, who was born in Wales of Welsh parentage in 1830 and died at St. Louis, Missouri, December 1, 1898. He was brought to America when a child, his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morris, locating in Maryland. His father soon afterward enlisted for service in the Seminole Indian war in Florida and was killed there in the prime of life. Evan Morris grew up and learned his trade as a shoemaker, and developed the highest degree of skill as a bench and custom shoemaker. Back east he was frequently employed in making the finest shoes, and one of his customers was Charlotte Cushman, most of his trade coming from people of exclusive tastes like that famous actress. He left his trade to enlist in the Union army and served four years, coming through unharmed, and then resuming work at the bench.

About fifty years ago a Mr. Corning brought from Cincinnati to St. Louis the first McKay sewing machine for machine sewing of soles on boots and shoes. He started a factory in St. Louis, bringing with him experienced men from Cincinnati. After getting the business under way all his employees left him and returned to Cincinnati. He inserted an advertisement asking for skilled men at the business, and one of the replies received came from Evan Morris. He thus became identified with the new system of using machinery, recognized the value of machines as superior to the slower method of hand manufacture, and after developing a force of proficient men he and associates organized in 1868 a factory which was the first west of the Mississippi River. Out of this grew the Excelsior Shoe Company, with Evan Morris as one of its chief officials. He lived to see and use all the machines made and employed in the most modern work of shoe manufacture. Every trade paper has long recognized his pioneer standing in the shoe business in the Middle West.

At his death he left the business to his sons, and they sold it to the Goodyear Shoe Company. They then established the George F. Dittman Shoe Company, which they ran successfully until 1906. In that year they accepted a proposition from the citizens of Mexico, Missouri, to start a factory, were proprietors of it for one year, and then sold their interests to the Friedman Brothers Boot & Shoe Company. They continued the management of the factory, however, for several years more. This factory at Mexico was finally taken over by the International Shoe Company of St. Louis.

It was in 1913 that the Morris Brothers accepted a proposition from the people of Quincy to establish a plant in this city.



At St. Louis Evan Morris married Mary Scully, a native of Ireland. She died November 3, 1892. They had ten children, all of whom were born in St. Louis and all grew to manhood and womanhood. Six of them married, and five sons and two daughters are still living. The sons all live at Quincy except Robert M., who is a manufacturer of shoe colorings and specialties. Edward T. Morris learned his trade with his father in the original factory at St. Louis. He is married and lives on Twelfth Street in Quincy.

Mr. Frank E. Morris was born in St. Louis in 1865 and after his education went into his father's shop and learned every detail of the business. He and his brothers all married in St. Louis, and all had been associated with their father after they reached maturity.

Frank E. Morris married in St. Louis Alice Burk, who was born in that city of Irish parents. They are the parents of six children, Evan F., Margaret, Richard, Mary, Francis and Alice. The younger children are students in St. Francis and St. Mary's Colleges. All the family are members of St. Peter's Catholic Church. The Morris brothers are active in the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Frank E. Morris' oldest son, Evan F., though secretary of the company, is now in the service of the Government in the war.

DANIEL SPEYER, one of Quincy's prominent clothing merchants is successor to one of the oldest established wholesale and retail clothing houses of the city, for many years conducted under the name Jonas Meyer & Company. The late Jonas Meyer and L. Whitehead engaged as partners in the clothing and men's furnishing business at Quincy in September, 1868, just a half century ago. Their original location was at 323 Hampshire Street. They dissolved partnership in 1879, but Jonas Meyer continued in business from that time forward and with other associates until his death.

Mr. Daniel Speyer was born in New York City November 22, 1854, son of Elias and Eleanor (Silverman) Speyer. Both parents were born in Bavaria, Germany. The father came to New York in 1835 and was a merchant for many years.

Daniel Speyer grew up in New York State, was educated in the common schools, and had an extensive experience with a wholesale clothing house before he came to Quincy in 1879. Here he joined Mr. Jonas Meyer as an employe, in 1882 was taken into partnership as member of the firm Jonas Meyer & Company, and gave his utmost energies and abilities to the successful conduct of this well known house. Mr. Jonas Meyer died in 1911, and Mr. Speyer is now sole owner of the business, which occupies three floors of one of the best known store buildings in the downtown district, at 421 and 423 Hampshire Street.

Mr. Speyer is a republican, a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and worships in the Jewish Temple.

DAVID D. STEINER, M. D. One of the busiest professional men of Quincy is Dr. David D. Steiner, who graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Keokuk, Iowa, with the class of 1886, and after a few years of practice at his native Village of Lorain in Adams County moved to Quincy twenty-six years ago and is now one of the older representatives of the profession in this city. He ranks high as a physician, and his solid abilities have justified all the liberal patronage extended him.

Dr. Steiner was born at Lorain in Keene Township of this county July 6, 1860. He grew up on his father's farm in that locality and first qualified himself for teaching. The work he did as a teacher enabled him to carry on advanced literary courses in the Valparaiso Normal School in Indiana, where he graduated in 1883. He continued teaching another year before entering Keokuk Medical College.

Dr. Steiner is a son of Michael Steiner, one of the prominent early settlers

of Keene Township. Michael Steiner was born in Germany January 30, 1810, and was well educated. He served a term in the regular army and the captain of his company was the father of Prince Albert of Germany. Michael Steiner came to this country in 1836, and while at New York saw Martin Van Buren, who was elected in that year president of the United States. At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he found employment on a coal boat, went to New Orleans, thence up the river to Galena and back to Quincy in 1837. He continued boating for a time, and was employed on the steamboat Olive Branch plying between St. Louis and Galena, one of the first boats to run on the Upper Mississippi. Later he was employed in the Whipple Saw Mill and sawed the blue ash flooring which went into the first home built by General Browning. Michael Steiner was a pioneer of many experiences. He often told of conditions during the hard winter of 1839-40 when the Mississippi froze so early that the merchants were unable to get their supplies from St. Louis, and goods had to be carted all the way from that city. Salt commanded a price that winter of \$4 a bushel. In 1845 he was summoned as a witness at Macomb and had to find his way across the country the best he could in the absence of roads.

In 1839 Michael Steiner married Ann Catherine Goebel, who was born in Germany February 20, 1820. She had come to America with her brothers and sisters in 1826, and she located at Quincy in 1838. In 1842 Michael Steiner and wife moved to a tract of Government land in section 5 of Keene Township, and that was their home the rest of their industrious careers. Michael Steiner accumulated a large and well developed farm, and assisted some of his children to the ownership of homes of their own. He died at the age of eighty-two and his wife at seventy-nine, and both were members of the Lutheran church. They had nine children, seven of whom reached maturity, and when the parents died there were forty grandchildren to do them honor. Dr. Steiner is one of four still living.

While Dr. Steiner was a student of Valparaiso Normal School in Indiana he met Miss Emma I. Russell, and that was the beginning of a romance which eventuated in their marriage. Mrs. Steiner was born at Ironton, Ohio, January 9, 1862, and was educated in the public schools there and at Valparaiso and was a teacher before her marriage. Dr. and Mrs. Steiner had two children: Paul R., who died when two years old; and Hugh Wynne, who was born in 1891. This son was educated in the Quincy High School, in the Military School at Booneville, Missouri, and graduated with the class of 1915 from the University of Wisconsin. He is now connected with a large manufacturing corporation at St. Louis, and is at present in California assisting in the building of a branch factory in that state. He married Louise Johnson, daughter of Dr. Johnson of Barry, Illinois. She is a graduate of the Illinois Woman's College at Jacksonville. Dr. Steiner is a Royal Arch Mason.

**WALTER F. EMERY.** This is one of the most honored names in the pioneer annals of Adams County. Walter F. Emery came here in 1832, while his good wife, whom he married here, was an even earlier settler. She was a niece of the noted ex-Governor Wood, and had come with the Wood family to Quincy during the early '20s. She grew up on the site of the town which her uncle founded. Many of the interesting details in the early history of Quincy as noted on other pages may be considered as the background and environment in which both Walter F. Emery and his wife lived and acted for many years.

Walter F. Emery was born in Vermont July 7, 1797, and died in March, 1876, at the age of seventy-nine. He was of old New England ancestry, and descended from one of two brothers, John and Anthony Emery, who came to the colonies prior to the Revolution. The history of the family in detail was published some years ago by Rev. Samuel Hopkins Emery, who for a number of years was pastor of the Congregational church at Quincy.

Walter F. Emery grew up in his native state, and when a young man



sought the scenes of the far West. He first located at Galena, Illinois, where he was a lead miner. From there he came to Quincy in 1832, and here he met and married Miss Matilda Goodrich, who was born in New York State June 17, 1815, and died at Quincy, December 14, 1887, at the age of seventy-two. As already stated, she was a niece of Governor Wood, the founder of Quincy, and at the time of her death she was probably the oldest resident of Quincy.

After his marriage Walter F. Emery entered 168 acres of Government land three miles south of what was then the Town of Quincy, but the tract now is just outside the limits in Melrose Township. On this farm Walter Emery built a double log house, and in many ways improved the land and brought much of it under cultivation. In 1849 he left Quincy to join the throng of gold seekers bound for California and was 2½ years in the far West, engaged in mining operations. He went out across the plains, but returned by way of Panama and the Atlantic coast. He made and saved some little money while in the West, and after his return he settled down to the quiet vocation of farming, which he followed the rest of his life. He had many of the experiences of the pioneer, including breaking land with oxen. Besides his home place in Melrose Township, he owned 400 acres in Columbus Township and also owned the site of the Woodland Cemetery which he later sold to Governor Wood. He began voting as a whig, and was one of the original members of the republican party. He also held a number of township offices, and was a man whom to know was to trust. He was a man of splendid physique and of great powers of endurance, and in pioneer times he bore the reputation of being the champion cradler of the county. He was able to cradle four acres of grain per day, and even a modern generation of farmers can appreciate how much labor and endurance that required.

Walter F. Emery and wife had eight children four of whom died young. Charlotte, the oldest of the family, married Frederick Smith, and died in California, the mother of two daughters, Minnie, who is still unmarried, and Agnes, who died after her marriage, leaving a son and daughter. James L. Emery owned a part of the old homestead, and died there in March, 1909. He married Miss Ella Heppelman, of Iowa, who died before her husband.

The living representatives of the family of Walter F. Emery and wife are John F. Emery and his older sister, Emily A., both of whom live on the old homestead adjoining the city at East State and Twenty-Fifth Street. John F. Emery was born on this farm October 28, 1847, and has spent most of his life in this one locality. He has been a successful farmer, and now owns forty-six acres of the old homestead. He married at Quincy Miss Mary T. Howard, who was born at Hannibal, Missouri. She died in 1896, at the age of forty years, the mother of five children. Two of the daughters are still living, Laura B. and Lula Pearl. Laura B. is the wife of Fred Ohlendorf, a farmer in Melrose Township. Mr. and Mrs. Ohlendorf have three children, Pearl, Jessie and Clyde. The other daughter, Lula Pearl, has one son, John E. Garver, attending high school.

Miss Emily A. Emery has spent her life at the old home, and was liberally educated in seminary and college. She has a beautiful home of seventy-five acres and has done much to improve this land and keep it up to the high standards set by her honored father. Her beautiful home is perhaps most widely known for its flowers. She has developed a remarkable skill in growing flowering plants of all kinds, both in the open ground and in the house, and there is never a day in the year when flowers are not abloom at the old Emery home.

**ANTON BINKERT.** For more than half a century the name Anton Binkert has had honored and useful associations with the business and public life of Quincy. Mr. Anton Binkert is representative of one of the substantial German families that came to Adams County more than eight decades ago, and during his active career he has filled public stations with credit, has been prominent in

business, and has also done much to build up and beautify the city which he regards as the home and center of his best interests.

Mr. Binkert was born in the Kingdom of Baden, Germany, June 4, 1836. Six weeks after his birth his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Binkert, set out for the New World, traveling by sailing vessel and coming to Quincy. Anton Binkert, Sr., when he stepped from the packet on shore at Quincy had only 5 francs or 95 cents in his pocket. He had to begin at the very bottom and his industry carried him through and enabled him to win an honored name in his adopted city. For eighteen years he worked for one man and then utilized his modest capital in starting a general store, which later he developed into a large business.

Mr. Anton Binkert grew up in Quincy, had an education supplied by the public and parochial schools, and at the age of eighteen began learning the trade of carriage blacksmith. He served as an apprentice and journeyman for eight years. Mr. Binkert is one of the few men still living who knew intimately by experience the life of the western plains prior to the Civil war. He crossed the plains to Colorado in 1859, 1860 and 1861, going out in the spring and coming back in the fall. During the winter he worked in carriage shops in Quincy, and the money which he made by this vocation he spent prospecting for gold in Colorado.

In the latter part of 1861 Mr. Binkert was appointed a sutler's clerk with the Sixteenth Regiment of Illinois Infantry, and was in the army for three years. In the meantime his father had given up merchandising, and in 1865, when the sons returned to Quincy, they all started their business together under the name A. Binkert & Sons. There were two other brothers, Thomas and Damion, who were also in the Union Army. Thomas was likewise a sutler, with the Seventy-Eighth Illinois Infantry, while Damion served as a private in the Sixteenth Infantry. At the battle of Big Shanty Damion was taken prisoner, and spent nine months of imprisonment and torture in the notorious Andersonville prison. He was not released until practically the end of the war. The firm of A. Binkert & Sons continued a prosperous business for a number of years and Anton Binkert, Sr., died in 1872. The sons in the meantime had sold out and had joined John Ware in the tobacco business as manufacturers. Two years later a fire destroyed the warehouse and factory and brought a heavy loss to all the partners. A little later the brothers again resumed general merchandising at the corner of Twelfth and Hampshire streets. This firm of Binkert Brothers, groceries and dry goods, was continued by Thomas and Damion Binkert until they died. In the meantime Anton Binkert had left the business in the hands of his brothers at the time of his election to the office of county treasurer in 1877. He filled that office with credit and efficiency for five years and after retiring engaged in the real estate business. He continued that most successfully until he retired, turning his affairs over to his sons George and William, who have continued it and have added an insurance department. Binkert Brothers, Insurance and Real Estate, is still located at the place where Mr. Anton Binkert was in business for so many years, 214 N. Sixth Street.

Twenty-five years ago Mr. Anton Binkert bought fifteen acres on Twelfth Street between Jersey and Kentucky streets. This he laid out and developed what is known as Park Place, perhaps the most widely known and highly developed residential district of the city. It is now practically covered with fine brick homes, hundreds of them, and it is one of the real beauty spots of the city. Mr. Binkert could desire no better monument to his business energy than this fine residential section, which he helped so much to make.

Mr. Binkert was a charter member and the prime mover at Quincy in organizing the Western Catholic Union. He supported it liberally with his own means, and was also one of its first directors and served as the supreme treasurer and secretary for a number of years. He was succeeded in that office by the present supreme treasurer, Joseph J. Fryberg.



Mr. Binkert was first elected to public office in 1872, when he was chosen alderman from the Fifth Ward. After two years he resigned to become the first collector of the city under a new law establishing that office. He was in that position one year, and was then chosen county treasurer. It is a significant record that Mr. Binkert was never defeated for any office for which he was a candidate. He has always been identified with the democratic party. Seven years ago he was again elected alderman, from the Fourth Ward, and served one term. He and his family are all active members of the Catholic Church.

In 1863, in St. Lawrence, now St. Peter's, Catholic Church, Mr. Binkert married Miss Helen Beatty. Mrs. Binkert was born in Ellington Township of Adams County in 1839 and was reared and educated there. She is a daughter of John and Mary (Truelock) Beatty, both natives of Ireland. Her parents came to the United States in a sailing vessel, spending many weeks on the water and landing at New Orleans, Louisiana. From there they came up the Mississippi River to Quincy and here joined his brother Thomas Beatty, who had located in Ellington Township years before. John Beatty and wife began life here on a tract of raw land, and with loyal co-operation they developed a good pioneer home and lived to enjoy its comforts in their old age. They were pioneers here and Quincy was only a hamlet when they first arrived. Mrs. Binkert and her mother were reared as Protestants but joined the Catholic church in the early '60s.

Mr. and Mrs. Binkert had six children to grow up. One son, Thomas, died in New Mexico, leaving a wife and two children. The living children are: George A., who is associated with his brother William J. in the real estate business at Quincy. Both sons are married. George has two children, Paul and Charles, and William has a son, Donald. John Binkert, the third son, is connected with the Gas, Electric Light and Heat Company at Quincy and has a son, Emmett. The daughter, Cora, married Herman Lubbe, and they live in St. Louis. Mr. Lubbe is commercial salesman for a St. Louis wholesale house. They have a family consisting of Richard, Margaret, Robert and Mary, all the children being well educated. Maude, the youngest child, is the wife of Fred Moller of Quincy, a member of the Moller Lumber Company. They have two children, Lawrence and Mildred Moller, both of whom have completed the work of the parochial schools.

**HENRY H. STEINAGEL.** One of the most interesting farms of Gilmer Township is that occupied by Henry H. Steinagel and his sister. Mr. and Miss Steinagel have had their home a mile east of Fowler for many years and have combined their efforts most profitably and have a great volume of productive service credited to their energies and intelligence.

Henry H. Steinagel was born in Melrose Township October 11, 1861, fourth among the five children of Adam and Minnie (Fisher) Steinagel. A more complete account of the Steinagel family will be found on other pages. Henry H. Steinagel was a small child when his father died, and during his youth he owed much to the self-sacrificing work and care of his widowed mother, who kept her children about her until they were grown and ready to do an independent part in the world. Henry H. Steinagel had experience in working out for different employers, and many years ago he and his brothers bought land in partnership and finally he acquired as his individual share ninety acres, constituting his present farm. Since then he has added forty acres to this place, and also has seventy acres three miles distant adjoining the farm of his brother William H., and another half interest in twenty acres of timber land. His home farm is the old John Stewart fruit farm of Gilmer Township. John Stewart was one of the pioneers in the development of Adams County land to fruit growing, and forty years ago had a nursery and a large acreage in various fruits. Henry H. Steinagel bought this farm, improved with good house and

barn, and has continued to improve it and keep it up to an even higher standard than under its previous ownership.

As already indicated, he has had a valuable assistant in his sister Margaret Caroline, who has been his housekeeper, and they have always lived together and neither have married. Miss Steinagel for many years has been a noted butter maker, and for a long time one merchant took all the product of ten or twelve cows. She also owns a fine farm of 160 acres near her brother's place, and a half interest in all the livestock on the homestead. Mr. and Miss Steinagel are active members of the Lutheran Church at Fowler.

**ALOIS W. DUKER.** Industrious and capable and endowed with good business ability and judgment, Alois W. Duker has had a busy career and is now actively associated with the industrial interests of Quincy, which is his native city, his birth having occurred here on January 23, 1881. He is a son of Theodore and Elizabeth (Brinkhoff) Duker, and a brother of W. T. Duker, in whose sketch, which appears on another page of this volume, further parental history may be found.

As a boy and youth Alois W. Duker received excellent educational advantages, attending first the parochial school, then St. Francis College, and being prepared for his future career at the Gem City Business College. Starting then in life as a clerk in the department store of J. S. Slusher of Quincy, he remained thus employed for five years. The following two years Mr. Duker had charge of the shoe department of the Ebert & Freed store at St. Louis, Missouri. Returning to Quincy, he was engaged in the shoe business on his own account for about four years, and later, in partnership with his brother, was engaged in mercantile pursuits for two years. Disposing of his interest in the firm, Mr. Duker bought the Mills Brothers' Bottling Works, which he has since operated with success.

Mr. Duker married December 8, 1902, in Saint Louis, Missouri, Lulu Dorothy Sullivan. Her father, James Sullivan, a native of Virginia, located in Quincy in 1877, and for several years was employed as a mail clerk. His wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Dorothy Lightner, was born and bred in Lewis County, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Duker have one child, Olivia Margaret, born February 18, 1909. Politically Mr. Duker is a democrat and an earnest advocate of the principles of that party. Socially he is a member of the South Side Boat Club, and of the Quincy Turnverein. Religiously he is a member of Saint Boniface Church.

**FREDERICK W. KNOLLENBERG**, president of the Knollenberg Milling Company, was born in Quincy, Illinois, December 2, 1849. As a boy he attended the public schools, later attending the commercial department of Quincy College, now the Gem City Business College, where he was awarded the first diploma issued by Professor Musselman.

On November 27, 1873, he was married to Miss Louisa M. Pfanschmidt, of Quincy, Illinois, who died in 1908. To this union were born seven children.

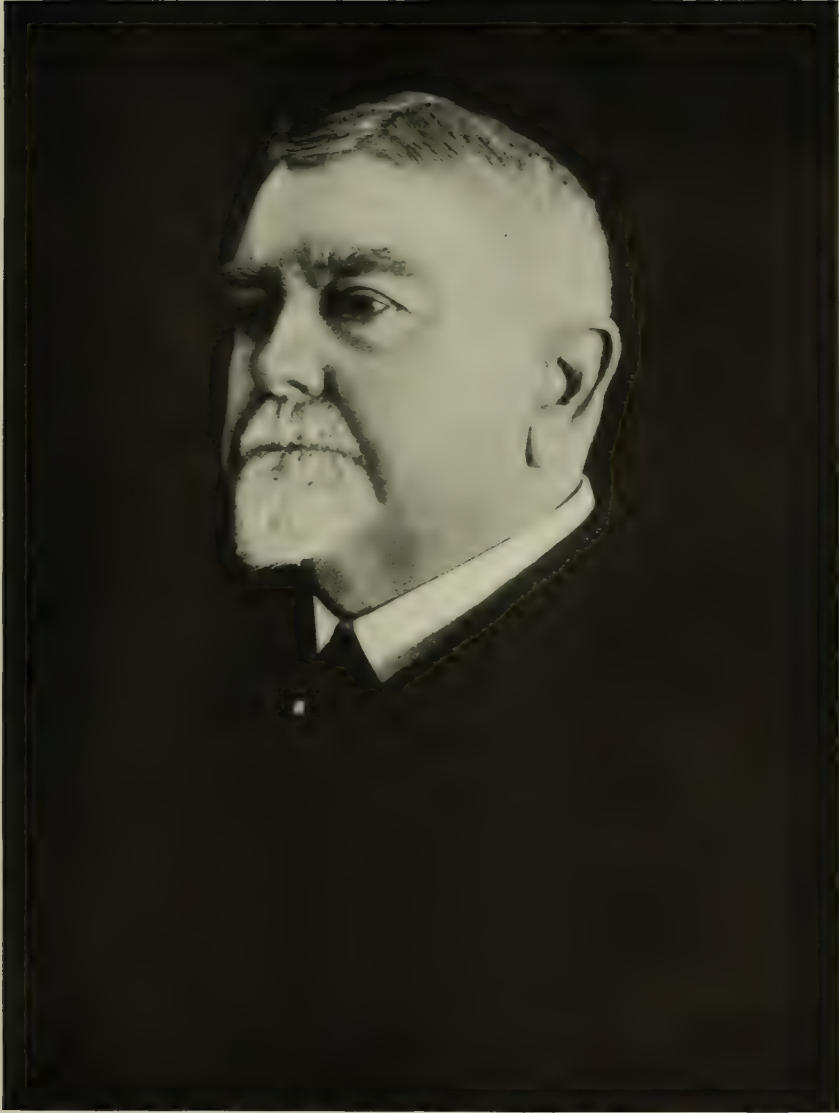
Clara, the eldest, who died in infancy.

Fred C., a graduate of the Gem City Business College and of the Law Department of the University of Michigan, now a very prominent lawyer of El Paso, Texas, where he has built up a very extensive legal practice. He married Miss Florence Cox, of Monmouth, Illinois, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth.

Bertha M. was married to William H. Paul in 1898. She died in 1901, leaving an infant daughter, Gladys, who has made her home with Mr. Knollenberg, graduating from the Quincy High School in 1918 and now a student in Knox College at Galesburg, Illinois. Mr. Paul is now living in Colorado, where he owns and operates a 900 acre ranch.

Cora E. married Charles H. Johntz, of Kansas City, Missouri, where they





*J.W. Knollmberg.*





now reside and where Mr. Johntz holds a responsible position with Armour & Company. They have one daughter, Margaret.

Mary E. married Dr. Loran E. Orr, a practicing physician of Petersburg, Illinois, who has been in service as a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps, United States Army.

Luella M. is at home. She is a graduate of the Quincy High School and of the Quincy Conservatory of Music and is a teacher of that art in her alma mater. She is also connected with the school, being secretary and treasurer.

Florence K. married Phil S. Herr who is the efficient superintendent of the Knollenberg Milling Company. They have two children, Robert W. and Jeanne Louise.

Mr. Knollenberg is a republican and he and his family attend the Congregational Church. He is a member of Quincy Lodge 296, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Quincy Chapter No. 5, Royal Arch Masons; Quincy Commandery No. 77, Knights Templar, and also of Quincy Lodge No. 100, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In 1872 Mr. Knollenberg established a flour and feed store at 1026 Maine Street. In addition to handling flour and feed, he packed apples, bought wheat, corn and other grains besides handling considerable poultry. These varied enterprises made him a very busy man and brought him considerable success. Then in 1876, in company with Jacob Williams and J. H. Wavering, a flour milling company was organized under the firm name of Knollenberg, Wavering & Company. In the construction of the mill at this time, the services of the well known millwright, the late Henry Grimm, were secured. In 1878 Mr. Williams, who is now deceased, sold his third interest and the mill was then operated under the firm name of Knollenberg and Wavering for a period of twenty-eight years.

In 1883 the mill was remodeled, introducing the gradual reduction system and at the same time the capacity was increased to 100 barrels per day. An elevator was erected in 1891, having a storage capacity of 30,000 bushels. In 1902 the mill was again remodeled at which time the capacity was again increased to a capacity of 200 barrels per day.

In 1904 Mr. Knollenberg purchased the interest of J. H. Wavering and incorporated the present company as the Knollenberg Milling Company. The company has erected two new storage steel clad warehouses 40 by 180 feet with a combined floor space of 14,400 square feet. These warehouses permit the expeditious handling of all kinds of commercial feeds and are built adjoining the Wabash industrial switch. They are connected with the railroad by platform, so that two or three cars can be loaded or unloaded at one time. A train shed has been built to cover the track so that loading and unloading goes on without any interference because of bad weather.

The company has also constructed an underground conveyor for carrying wheat and other grains from the cars across the street to the elevator, where the grain is elevated and weighed in an automatic scale before being stored in bins.

Thousands of families in this part of the country as well as some of the southern states are familiar with the soft wheat flour put out under the names of "City," "Excellent" and "Banner" brands and the hard wheat flour under the names of "Star" and "Crescent."

This enterprising concern is under the efficient management of the following named officers: F. W. Knollenberg, president and treasurer; Grover G. Jones, secretary; Phil S. Herr, superintendent.

JAMES A. MARTIN. All the years of his life Adams County has been the home of James A. Martin, and those have been years of achievement in the material sense and also in the acquisition of community esteem paid him for his worthy life and the influence he has exerted for good.

The Martin family has been longest identified with Gilmer Township. Mr. Martin's home is fifteen miles east of Quincy and  $3\frac{1}{4}$  miles from Columbus.

He has been a successful farmer, and has been equally successful in handling community obligations. He is now road commissioner of the township.

Mr. Martin was born on the old Columbus Road near St. Joseph Catholic Church in Gilmer Township, January 1, 1860, son of Gregory and Mahala (McAfee) Martin. Gregory Martin was born in Loudoun County, Virginia, January 1, 1816, was reared in Kentucky, spending ten years in Bracken County and lived in Grant County from 1832 for five years. In 1837 he first came to Adams County, Illinois, but went on to Clarke County, Missouri, where he lived over seven years and while there he married Miss McAfee. She was born in South Carolina in 1826. She moved with her parents to Missouri at the age of seventeen and was eighteen when she married Gregory Martin. In 1846 they came to Adams County and settled on the old farm where their only son and child, James, was born. Gregory Martin died on that homestead April 7, 1887, at the age of seventy-two. His widow died there in 1908, aged eighty-three. He was a member of the Baptist Church at Columbus and his wife was a Methodist.

James A. Martin lived at home with his parents to the age of twenty-five. On March 30, 1887, he married Mary E. McConnell. She was born in Gilmer Township December 1, 1859, daughter of John and Margaret (Woods) McConnell. Her parents were both natives of County Monaghan, Ireland. Margaret Woods was brought to Gilmer Township in 1837, when six years of age, by her parents, William and Sarah Woods. John McConnell came to this county at the age of twenty-one. John McConnell died here about 1868, and his widow afterwards married James McConnell, his brother. James McConnell died in 1912, at the age of ninety-seven, and his wife in 1908, aged seventy-seven. Mrs. Martin has three sisters and a brother: Margaret, Mrs. David West, of Wyoming; Sarah J., who is unmarried and lives in Nevada; Leona, widow of Dr. James Cornish and living with Mrs. Martin; and W. J. McConnell, of Gilmer Township.

After his marriage Mr. Martin spent one year on the old homestead and was a renter for fourteen years. He was sole heir to the old Martin farm, and at his mother's death acquired that estate. In 1905 he bought his present farm, consisting of 160 acres, from Ed Yeargin. It was well improved with house and barn, but Mr. Martin has given closest attention to every detail of keeping up the buildings and other improvements of the place. He has done much to increase the value of the farm.

In the way of public service Mr. Martin served as tax collector, as constable twelve years, and for the past four years has been road commissioner. He is a republican living in a democratic community and it is personal popularity and a recognized efficiency in getting public work performed that have brought him his frequent honors in politics.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin have three children: Edna M., wife of Clarence Ramsey, a machinist living in Nevada; Harry J., who is first sergeant in the Field Artillery of the United States Army; and William Eldon, still at home with his parents.

**WILLIAM O. MCCORMICK.** As noted elsewhere in this publication, some of the biggest work in modern times besides the improvement of Adams County land has been the reclamation of wet areas and swamps by the construction of drainage ditches and levees against the encroachment of river and creek waters. A large part of this work has been carried on within the present century, and credit for the improvements belongs especially to the Board of Levee Commissioners, one of whom since 1910 has been William O. McCormick. Mr. McCormick is a practical farmer and knows the problems of drainage in the bottom lands by long and practical experience. He has one of those bottom farms, located five miles west of Ursa. His own residence is in the Village of Ursa.

Mr. McCormick has come to success in business and civic affairs from a



humble beginning as an orphan boy. He was born near the Village of Loraine in Keene Township August 4, 1868, a son of William and Emily (Pryor) McCormick. His parents were both natives of Ireland but were married in Adams County. William O. McCormick was only three years old when his mother died and at the age of fourteen he was left an orphan by his father's death. His father was twice married, and by his first wife had five children: Mary, living at Dayton, Ohio, widow of James Loynds; Mrs. George Simmermacher, of Keene Township; Rose, who lives at Loraine, widow of Joseph Hartman; Thomas, who died at the age of fourteen; and William O., who was the youngest of his mother's family. The father married for his second wife Jane Taylor, who is still living. Her children are: Ella, Mrs. Thomas Payne, of Nebraska; Theresa, who is married and lives in Nebraska; and Phil, a rancher at Julesburg, Colorado.

After his father's death William O. McCormick had little opportunity to attend school and was soon in the ranks of wage earners. He worked at farm labor, and for three years was in the employ of one man, and was paid \$17 a month, then considered high wages for farm hands. At the age of twenty-one he married Miss Cora A. Green, daughter of James and Catherine (Black) Green of Ursa Township. James Green was born in New York State October 21, 1829, and was a railroad man for a number of years, locating in Adams County in 1862. In that year he married Miss Catherine Black, a native of Ireland. James Green acquired a large tract of land, about 400 acres, in the bottoms of Ursa Township, and before his death had converted much of it into a productive farm. He served with the Missouri State Militia in the Civil war, and was a democrat in politics. James Green died May 28, 1891, at the age of sixty-two, and his wife at the age of sixty-five. They had two children, Laura and Cora A. Mrs. McCormick was born December 8, 1869. After his marriage Mr. McCormick began cultivating a portion of the Green farm and has succeeded in bringing that tract of bottom land into cultivation and has placed some very valuable improvements there. He also owns 140 acres in the Conner Island District that borders the Indian Grove District in Ursa Township. For the past five years his home has been in Ursa, from which point he superintends the operation of his 100 acre farm. He was made levee commissioner in 1910 for a term of three years, his associates being Doctor Nickerson and Selden G. Earl. In September, 1916, he was again appointed to this office, his associates being Doctor Nickerson and William Griser, both of Quincy. Mr. McCormick is a democrat. He and his wife have two daughters, Goldie, widow of Fred Gnuse, who died in May, 1917; and Ivy, at home.

HERMAN W. FLEER is one of the live and progressive agriculturists of Ellington Township, with a well improved and ably managed farm in section 3. He is on Quincy rural route No. 3. The farm is kept in first class order in every respect, and he is one of the younger generation of men who now carry the heavy burdens of agriculture in Adams County.

He has lived on his present farm of 120 acres for the past four years. He grows abundant crops and feeds all the stuff raised in the fields to his livestock. He has been a practical farmer all his life and has always lived in Adams County, and since he was five years of age in Ellington Township.

Mr. Fleer was born August 17, 1886, in Quincy. For twenty-eight years his home was on the Ingram farm in Ellington Township, where his father was a tenant. While growing up there he attended the district school, the Washington Schoolhouse. Mr. Fleer is a son of Peter and Frederica (Heithold) Fleer, both natives of Herford, Germany. His father came to Adams County with his parents, while the mother came to this country alone. They met and married in Quincy, and lived here until their children were born, including five sons and two daughters. After they moved to the Ingram farm they spent the rest of their lives in Ellington Township. Mr. Fleer's father died at the home of

his son, December 26, 1915. He was born May 24, 1838. The mother died on the old farm April 9, 1911. She was born September 22, 1845. They were members of the St. James Lutheran Church. Two of their children, Anna and Walter, died in childhood. A son, Henry, is now a tenant farmer and by his marriage to Clara Beckman had the following children, Aurena, deceased, Florence and Clarence. Lydia Fleer married Ed Whittler and lives in Ellington Township. They have three sons and four daughters. Edward is a teamster in Quincy, is married and has one son. William is also in the teaming business in Quincy and has a family consisting of one son and three daughters.

Herman W. Fleer married in Quincy May 5, 1909, Laura Spilker. She was born April 6, 1885, and attended the public schools there from the eighth grade. Her parents were Henry and Anna (Pohlman) Spilker. Henry Spilker came to America with his parents at the age of twelve years. Ann Pohlman came to Quincy at the age of twenty-four with her uncle, Philip Guessling, and she married Mr. Spilker one year after arriving in Quincy. They then located in Quincy and Mrs. Fleer's father died there in the spring of 1909, at the age of sixty-five. Her widowed mother is still living in Quincy at the age of sixty-three. The Spilkers were long identified with St. Jacoby Lutheran Church. Mrs. Fleer's father by his first marriage to Anna Altheide, who died in the prime of life, had three daughters, all of whom are now married. Mrs. Fleer's brother George is married. Her sister Helen died after marriage. Lillie is the wife of Herman Snock, of Quincy, and they have one son. Harry Spilker is unmarried and living in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleer are the parents of three children: Irene, born in 1909, now in the public schools; Walter, born in 1911; and Milton, born in 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Fleer are members of the St. Jacoby Lutheran Church. In politics he votes as a republican, and is especially interested in the welfare of the local schools, serving as one of its board of directors.

FRANCIS MARION JACOBS. The story of Francis Marion Jacobs is that of a man whose life was passed entirely within the limits of Adams County from birth until death. In that period, covering more than seventy years, he became known as a man of performance, of that sound industry which is the basis for all the things prized by civilization, was faithful to his obligations, and fully merited the esteem in which his name was held and is remembered.

He was born near Ursa August 10, 1838, a son of William and Caroline (Kirkpatrick) Jacobs. William Jacobs was one of the real pioneers of Adams County. A native of Kentucky, he came to Western Illinois in 1832 and for a time lived in Quincy when it was a mere village. The story is told that he was once offered the lot upon which the Newcomb Hotel now stands for \$3. A blacksmith by trade, he followed that occupation in Quincy and afterwards in other sections of the county. He built the first blacksmith shop at Lima, and sold that about 1844 to Theophilus Crenshaw, whose name and whose family have a further connection with this history to be noted in following paragraphs. William Jacobs also had a shop at Marcelline, and died in that place in 1871, at the age of seventy-five. The mother of Francis Marion Jacobs died in 1839, when her only son and child was about a year old. William Jacobs later married Louisa Nicholson.

There were few good schools in Adams County when Francis Marion Jacobs was a youth, but such advantages as were at hand he utilized both in Ursa and Mendon Townships, and at the age of eight was for a brief time a pupil in the schools of Quincy. He learned the cooper's trade and followed that for a number of years. His half brother, James, conducted a shop at Lima and the cooperage business was then a thriving industry, owing to the fact that Quincy was a big pork packing center and required thousands of barrels in which to pack the pork. He was also a merchant for a couple of years at Warsaw, and then bought land on Bear Creek in Ursa Township, which he occupied only two years.



In 1878 he bought a farm in section 18 of Lima Township, which he sold in 1892 and bought the old Crenshaw property, which is still owned by his family. After that farming was his chief business, and he acquired two or three other tracts of land in the county, including some of the land formerly owned by his father. In his old homestead he had 196 acres, part of it developed to fruit, and erected a model residence there with his own hands. In that environment, which his labor and industry had done so much to improve, he spent the peaceful years of his later life and passed away December 17, 1914. His widow Mrs. Jacobs still occupies the old farm.

October 31, 1861, he married Celatha Crenshaw, who was born at Lima October 31, 1841. She was married on her twentieth birthday. Her parents were Theophilus and Martha (Martin) Crenshaw, the former born in 1815 and the latter in 1822. Theophilus Crenshaw, who was a native of Jefferson County, Illinois, was also a blacksmith by trade, and in 1845 bought the shop at Lima from William Jacobs and was one of the pioneer mechanics in that part of the county. Later he bought the farm now known as the Jacobs farm and he also kept a hotel at Lima. He died May 25, 1891, his wife passing away November 18, 1894. Mr. Crenshaw was one of the early members of Lima Lodge of Masons and was a democrat and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His only son died at the age of sixteen. There were two daughters in the Crenshaw family. Jincy first married Isaac Frazer and is now the wife of Perry Spencer of Lima.

Mrs. Jacobs became the mother of six children and also has a large number of grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Her children were: Alice M., who was born March 9, 1863, married Don Vinson, occupying a nearby farm, and is the mother of four children, Bertha, Corinne, John William and Verna Frances. Carrie M., the second child, born May 25, 1865, is the wife of William Belt, and her six children are Eva, Edward V., Frank H., Marion Jacob, Cecil Eugene and Blanche. Edward F. Jacobs is cashier of the State Bank of Lima and has a separate sketch in this publication. John T., the fourth child, was born April 12, 1871, and died August 9, 1892. James W., born June 5, 1874, is a well known citizen of Lima Township, and by his marriage to Daisy Clark has one child, Maxine. Jincy L., better known as Dollie, was born February 10, 1880, and in 1896 became the wife of Frank Griffin, but is now the wife of Edward C. Hill, who operates the old Jacobs farm. Mrs. Hill is the mother of four children: Harry M. Griffin, Celatha Estelle, Francis Irving and Hershel Everett.

The late Francis M. Jacobs was one of the prominent members of Lima Lodge No. 135, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and he and his wife were affiliated with the Eastern Star. Both were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he was a democrat, and for six years was township supervisor, commissioner of highways six years and a school director three years.

EDWARD FRANCIS JACOBS, a son of the late Francis Marion Jacobs, whose life story is told on other pages, has been identified with the Lima community of Adams County for over a quarter of a century as a practical and progressive farmer and as a business man. He is now cashier of the State Bank of Lima.

The State Bank of Lima was organized in 1910, and was operated for business on the 15th of December of that year. The first officers were George W. Frazer, president, E. F. Jacobs, vice president, and A. B. Leeper, cashier. In 1912 a change was made, at which time Mr. Leeper became president, L. S. Frazer vice president, and Mr. Jacobs cashier, and these men are the executive officers of the institution at the present time. The other directors at present are W. L. Wade, C. R. McNay, W. T. Frazer, H. F. J. Ricker, Jackson R. Pearce, all well known men of Adams County and their handling of the bank has brought it the confidence and patronage it deserves. The bank has a capital stock of \$25,000, surplus of \$2,500 and carries deposits of over \$100,000. Its total resources aggregate about \$140,000.

Mr. Jacobs, the cashier, was born at Lima August 22, 1868. He grew up on a farm, attended the local public schools and also the Gem City Business College at Quincy. For a year and a half he was associated with I. M. Vinson in the general merchandise business at Lima, and then took up a career as a farmer. About the time of his marriage he began farming the Bolt place adjoining Lima, this being the farm of his wife's father. In 1897 he bought eighty acres of that land, and has developed one of the high class farms in that vicinity. The buildings, which he erected, are within the corporation limits, and he still gives close attention to the management of his farm and livestock in addition to superintending the bank.

Mr. Jacobs has also been prominent in local affairs. For several years he was a member of the school board, was township tax collector, and in 1914 was candidate for the nomination for county treasurer, there being five other candidates for the same office. He is a democrat, and is affiliated with Lima Lodge No. 135, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. At the age of twenty-three he was elected master of the Lodge and at that time was the youngest to enjoy such an honor in Illinois. In 1891-2 he represented the Grand Lodge. He is also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. Mrs. Jacobs is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and takes an active part in Red Cross work.

December 7, 1892, he married Miss Effie A. Bolt, daughter of David and Nancy (Howse) Bolt. Her mother is still living at Lima. Mrs. Jacobs was born in Adams County March 14, 1870. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have two children: Ellett May, born May 12, 1895; and Henry Francis, born November 30, 1902.

OLIVER P. DICKHUT, proprietor of the Richland Farm a half mile south of Paloma in Gilmer Township, represents one of the old and prominent families of Adams County. At this point it is unnecessary to repeat information concerning the family which appears on other pages, and which details the various experiences and the membership of the family since they came to this county.

Oliver P. Dickhut was born at the old Dickhut homestead a mile and a half south of his present home on August 25, 1880. He is a son of John A. and Eleanor S. (Booth) Dickhut. As a boy he lived with his parents and attended local schools and made his independent start in life in 1908, having at that time a cash capital of about \$5,000. Having been trained from boyhood to farming, and looking upon it as the most useful of all vocations, he has kept his mind and all his energies concentrated on this one line, and doubtless to this fact is due his success. For his permanent home Mr. Dickhut acquired the Orville Lawless farm of 160 acres, a half mile south of Paloma on the Cannon Ball Trail. It was a high quality of land and cost \$100 per acre, but his method of handling it has fully justified the acquisition of this high priced Illinois soil. He has managed it as a combination grain and stock farm, and in 1917 he put up one of the best stock barns in the township, a bank barn 36 by 72 feet with a full basement under all. The barn cost \$4,000 and meets every purpose demanded of a place for housing and handling stock. Mr. Dickhut feeds about a carload of cattle every year, and also specializes in Poland China hogs, having about 100 of those high price animals for market every season.

October 26, 1910, about two years after he bought his farm, Mr. Dickhut married Miss Clara Morton, who was then twenty-four years of age. She is a daughter of Zelma and Olive Morton of Honey Creek Township. Mr. and Mrs. Dickhut have had two children, but one died in infancy. The living daughter is Judith Mildred. Mr. Dickhut is a republican and is a steward in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Dickhut is of the same religious faith.

JESSE ALBERT VINSON. The death of Jesse Albert Vinson on July 17, 1918, served as a reminder to the people of northern Adams County not only of an upright and stalwart citizen who had gone to his reward, but of a family who



were identified with this county from earliest pioneer times and whose name has always been kept in honor and respect.

The earlier Vinsons were allied by marriage with the Orrs, whom local history credits with the founding of the village of Lima. The Orrs were also from Kentucky and William Orr had visited this region of Western Illinois at a very early date. He settled here contrary to the advice of many friends in Kentucky, who believed that this district was very unhealthy.

The father of Jesse Albert Vinson was Isaac D. Vinson, who was born in Giles County, Tennessee, May 26, 1804. He married Kittie Orr, who was born in Burton County, Kentucky, October 8, 1807. Their first home in the West was in Missouri, but in 1830 they moved to Adams County and Isaac Vinson became identified with some of the pioneer manufacturers in Lima Township. He conducted a horse power carding mill at Lima, and one time had a leg broken by the power machinery. Isaac Vinson died June 9, 1847, and his wife November 9, 1862. They had a family of eight children, six sons and two daughters.

Jesse Albert Vinson was the first child of the family born in the house erected by Isaac Vinson on the old homestead in section 12. His birth occurred April 15, 1841, and he was about five years old when his father died. He was reared and educated in that community and later turned his energies to farming, which occupied his time the greater part of his life. For fourteen years before his death he lived largely retired, though keeping his home on the old farm. He was made a Mason at Lima, and took much interest in the lodge, serving as past master and representative to the Grand Lodge. He was a democrat, but not an office seeker, though he served on the village board.

On May 1, 1864, he married Sarah Tripp, who was born in the State of Maine and was brought to Adams County at the age of four years by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Tripp. Her father was a farmer and cooper and the Tripp family home was on the Hancock County line, 2½ miles northeast of Lima. Mr. Alvin Tripp died at the home of Mrs. Vinson at the age of seventy-four, while her mother passed away at seventy-eight.

Mrs. Vinson died twelve years before her husband. Of her children only two reached maturity, Charles S. and Lottie M. Lottie is now the wife of John Harness, and for the past ten years they have operated the old Vinson homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Harness have two children, Thomas and Joseph.

Charles S. Vinson, the only son of Jesse Albert Vinson, has figured in the community chiefly as a merchant, and is proprietor of one of the principal general stores of Lima. He was born May 25, 1865, in the same house as his father, and grew up in that country community. For the past thirty years he has been a merchant. At one time he was in business at Loraine, but moved his store to Lima, and now has a large new building completely stocked with general merchandise required by this community. He gives all his time to his business and has never been a candidate for public office.

October 29, 1884, Mr. Vinson married Anna Lutman. She was born at Lima March 14, 1864, a daughter of Daniel and Rose (Reese) Lutman, both now deceased. Her father was a native of Virginia and her mother of Maryland, and they married at Tully, Missouri, and settled at Lima before the war. Her father died at the age of forty-one, and her mother survived many years. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vinson are the parents of eight children, Norma, Nina, Albert, Pearlle, George, Howard, Hazel and Mabel. The three older daughters all taught school in Adams and Hancock counties before their marriage. Norma is now Mrs. Joseph Albert Conover of Lima. Nina is Mrs. Joseph B. Nelson of Lima, and Pearlle is the wife of Claude Miller. The only married son is Albert, whose wife was Elsie Beckman.

EDWARD SOHM. In considering the important men of Quincy, immediate attention is called to Edward Sohm, president of the Ricker National Bank. Mr. Sohm has passed a long, busy and useful life in his native city and his business

activities have always been of large commercial value, and at the same time his unblemished personal reputation has added prestige to every enterprise with which he has been identified.

Edward Sohm was born in the old family homestead on the corner of Third and York streets, Quincy, October 2, 1845. His parents were Pantaleon and Rosina (Specht) Sohm, the former of whom came to Quincy in 1840 and the latter in 1834. Their lives were spent here and they comfortably reared a family of children. They belonged to that dependable element that had much to do with the upbuilding of Quincy from a village to a city of wide importance. The father died in 1885.

Private tutors directed Edward Sohm's early education and at the age of nineteen he became an instructor himself and later took charge of St. Boniface school and conducted it acceptably until he formed other plans which necessitated resigning his position as principal of the school. In 1865 he accepted a position in the queensware house of Henry Ridder, and three years later became a partner in the firm of H. Ridder & Company, continuing until 1884, when the china and crockery firm of Sohm, Ricker & Weisenhorn was organized. This enterprise proved very successful and in 1894 removal was made from quarters that had become too constricted to the commodious building especially prepared for them. For a number of years Mr. Sohm continued to be identified with that firm and his name was widely known in both the wholesale and retail trade.

In the meanwhile Mr. Sohm became interested in other growing enterprises contributive to the city's prosperity. He was one of the first directors of the Ricker National Bank, an institution founded in 1858 by Henry F. Joseph Ricker. In 1881 the bank was nationalized and in the same year Edward Sohm became its vice president and served as such until 1883, when he assumed the presidential responsibilities and has been at the head of this institution ever since. The present officers of the bank are: Edward Sohm, president; Jackson R. Pearce, vice president; H. F. J. Ricker, cashier.

In every movement of public importance Mr. Sohm has stood ready to co-operate with his fellow citizens. He has never been willing to enter the political field but his influence in business circles and in the city's substantial development has been marked. He was one of the organizers of the Quincy Freight Bureau and its treasurer.

In 1868 Mr. Sohm was married to Miss Mary Barbara Helmer, and to this marriage were born three sons and four daughters: Katherine, William H., manager of the Bolaska Theater of Tunay, Thirisie Brockman of New Sterling, Illinois, Edward, Jr., of Waterloo, Iowa, Dr. Albert H., a dentist of Iowa, and the two youngest died in infancy.

A. C. BICKHAUS. A worthy representative of the industrious, thrifty and enterprising men who have come to Illinois from countries far across the sea, A. C. Bickhaus, of Quincy, is well known in industrial circles as an expert file cutter, his large and well-equipped manufactory being located at 1110 Broadway, where he is carrying on an extensive and profitable business. He was born May 5, 1849, in Westphalia, Prussia, a son of Ernest and Christina (Yeasing) Bickhaus. When he was a very small child his mother died, and when he was 3½ years old his father died, leaving him an orphan with several brothers and sisters, he having been the tenth child in order of birth of a family of eleven children.

After leaving school A. C. Bickhaus served an apprenticeship of three years at the baker's trade, which he subsequently followed for a year in his native land. In 1867, following in the footsteps of his brother Frank, who had immigrated to the United States in 1864, he came to Illinois, locating in Quincy, where for four months he was employed in a bakery. A natural mechanic and skillful in the use of tools, Mr. Bickhaus then made use of his native talent by learning the trade of file cutting, serving an apprenticeship of two years. Then,





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in partnership with his former employer, William Dienstuhl, he established himself in business under the firm name of Dienstuhl & Bickhaus. Three years and nine months later, about 1874, the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Bickhaus moved to his present fine building on Broadway, where he has established a large and constantly increasing business.

On September 3, 1867, Mr. Bickhaus was united in marriage with Emma Seifert, and into their household thus established the following children have been born, namely: Elizabeth, deceased; Henry, foreman in his father's factory; Joseph, associated with his father in the factory; Clem, deceased; Dena, deceased; Clem, deceased; Amelia, wife of Max Scott, of Quincy; Lydia, wife of William Dover, of Quincy; Emma, deceased; G. Roy, who died in infancy; George, deceased; a daughter that died in infancy; Julia, wife of Theodore Stigeman; and Ernest, associated in business with his father.

In politics prominently identified with the democratic party, Mr. Bickhaus served as foreman of the old fire department, and since 1883 has represented the Fifth Ward as alderman, during which time he has been loyal to the interests of his constituents and lent his influence toward the establishment of beneficial enterprises. Fraternally he belongs to the Court of Honor, to the Knights of Columbus, to the Prairie Benevolent Association, and to the Travelers Protective Association. Religiously he and his family are members of St. Boniface Catholic Church.

HENRY L. MICHELMANN is secretary and general manager of an industry which was founded in Quincy the same year he was born and which for thirty years under his virile enterprise has achieved rank among the most important of the city. This is the Michelmann Steel Construction Works. It was established on a small scale by his father, the late John H. Michelmann, but the great degree of its prosperity and its widening scope in local industries is the direct result and product of H. L. Michelmann's broad technical understanding and executive administration.

Henry L. Michelmann was born in Quincy February 13, 1865. In that year his father, John H. Michelmann, started a small shop for the manufacture of boilers, and more particularly the repairing of boilers. John H. Michelmann was born in Prussia, Germany, in 1830 and came to the United States at the age of twenty-three, in 1853. He first located at Evansville, Indiana, and in 1855 came to Quincy. In the old country he had learned and had followed the trade of blacksmith, but after coming to America he learned boilermaking. Thus in 1865 he was thoroughly qualified by experience in the trade and as a general business man to establish an independent concern. At the beginning the shop was conducted under his individual name as J. H. Michelmann. His location was at the corner of Spring and Second streets. In 1900 the works were incorporated as the Michelmann Boiler Company, with John J. Michelmann as president and treasurer and Henry L. Michelmann secretary and manager. In 1906 a new incorporation was made under the name Michelmann Steel Construction Works.

Henry L. Michelmann was educated in the Quincy public schools and in the Gem City Business College, and at the age of sixteen went into his father's shop. He learned boiler making and sheet metal work as thoroughly as his father had done before him, and his skill in the trade and an apt comprehension of everything connected with the business brought him to increased promotion until he was secretary and manager of the works.

As early as 1886 he was foreman in the shops and he gradually took upon himself the greater part of estimating and management of the business both inside and outside. When he first took charge it was a small concern doing a business valued at from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year, whereas now the company's annual business is about \$200,000. Chief credit for this achievement is undoubtedly due Henry L. Michelmann and his career stands out prominent be-

cause of his singular devotion to one line of work. He started as a boy, learned all the technical processes by actual experience, and his own knowledge, character and business experience have been worked into the large plant of which he is today the active head.

Mr. Michelmann married June 21, 1893, Miss Ida Meyer, a native of Quincy. They have four children, Ruth, Irene, Flora and Ada. Another child, the first born, Robert, died at the age of six and a half years. Mr. Michelmann is a republican in politics, is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Knight of Pythias and a member of the local Young Men's Christian Association.

OTIS JOHNSTON, M. D. A native of Quincy, Doctor Johnston has for nearly thirty years been identified with his calling as a physician and surgeon, and his work as a surgeon in particular has brought him a front rank in the profession. He is now chief of the staff of St. Mary's Hospital.

Doctor Johnston graduated from the Quincy Medical College twenty-nine years ago and has given all his services in his home city. One indication of the rank and esteem he enjoys is that for a number of years he was president of the Adams County Medical Society, and is also a member of the State Society and the American Medical Association.

Doctor Johnston was born at Quincy in 1868, and was reared and educated here, attending high school. He is a son of John W. and Isabel (White) Johnston, both of whom were born in Kentucky of old Scotch ancestry. His people have been Americans for several generations. John W. Johnston after his marriage started for Missouri, and had to cut a road through a long stretch of timber in order to reach his land in Lewis County. He went there in 1856, subsequently settled in Marion County, and when still a young man came to Quincy. He and his wife spent their last years in Quincy. John W. Johnston was prominent in the tobacco industry of Quincy for a number of years. He was a maker of the old Navy Plug and the American Twist. Doctor Johnston has a brother, Virgil V., who is a rice grower and planter at Stuttgart, Arkansas. He also has two sisters, Exia and Ida, the former a teacher and the latter a stenographer, both living in Quincy.

Doctor Johnston married at Quincy Maude Harrington Grieser. Her parents were natives of Baltimore, and Mrs. Johnston was only three years old when her mother died at the age of twenty-eight. Her father, who died at Quincy ten years ago, was John L. Grieser, one of the largest land owners and most prominent citizens of the county. At one time he owned over 2,000 acres of land south of Quincy, and he was the principal promoter and after years of advocacy and educational campaigns he brought about the construction of the Indian Drain Levee, which at that time was regarded as the greatest improvement in and around Quincy. It resulted in the draining of thousands of acres, and changed the value of land from about \$10 an acre to \$150. Doctor and Mrs. Johnston became the parents of two children. One son, Emmett, died in 1897, in infancy. Their only living son, Eugene A., aged fourteen, is a student in the Quincy High School. Doctor Johnston is a member of the Christian Church while Mrs. Johnston belongs to the Congregational denomination. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and Elks, and he and his family have always taken an active part in social affairs.

MILTON S. CABELL is one of the most sterling citizens Quincy has ever had. He represents in one sense some of the older activities and older spirit of Quincy when this was a typically river town. Mr. Cabell was an engineer on river steamboats for a number of years, and his father was a noted captain of river boats from pioneer times. Milton S. Cabell until he retired was in service as an engineer for fully half a century. He won an ample competence for



all his needs by his work and has connection with a number of Quincy financial institutions.

For twenty-two years Mr. Cabell was in service as engineer for the Quincy postoffice, and perhaps the larger number of people in the city associate that service with his name, though it constituted only about half his active lifetime. He was first appointed to the office by Judge Thompson, then postmaster, in 1892. He served under successive postmasters, James Montgomery, Chet Wilcox, David F. Wilcox, editor of this history, and finally resigned his office while Mr. Wilcox was still postmaster. Mr. Cabell enjoyed the personal friendship of all these men, and holds them and their memories in the highest regard.

Mr. Cabell was born in Quincy, on Vermont Street, back of the present Blackstone Building, May 27, 1847. He attended local schools here, and at the age of fifteen went to work on Mississippi river boats and learned the trade of engineer. He was employed on the boats of the St. Louis and Keokuk packet line for about seven years, and on leaving the river he went to work as engineer in the Castle mills. He was also with the Telco mills, the Gem City mills, the Dick Brothers mills, and from that branch of service entered the engineering plant of the local postoffice. Through fifty years Mr. Cabell was never without a job, and that speaks highly of his efficiency and skillful ability and also the faithfulness with which he has done his chosen work in life.

His father was the well known old river man Capt. Samuel G. Cabell, who was born in Virginia and married Sadie Harris, a native of Kentucky. Both were of old southern stock and possessed many of the traditions of the best of southern families. Captain Cabell and wife were married at Carrolton, Illinois, and soon afterward moved to Quincy. Captain Cabell served as chief engineer on the St. Louis and Keokuk Packet Line, at first with headquarters at Carrolton, and it was at the suggestion of Governor Carlin, a lifelong friend, that he moved to Quincy. He was chief engineer on river boats for a dozen years, and after that was owner and captain of many of the best known vessels on the Mississippi. He was also captain of the St. Mary and the William Campbell, two boats well known on the Missouri River between St. Joseph and Omaha just before the war. He was captain and owner of the Sparrow Hawk, the Georgetown, the H. T. Yateman, the Ed Manning, all of which plied on the Mississippi. Captain Cabell spent the last twenty years of his life in retirement, and died in 1898, at the venerable age of eighty-four. His name is still spoken with respect by the old time Mississippi River people. He survived his wife a number of years, she passing away at the age of about sixty. Captain Cabell was a democrat and a Methodist, while his wife was a Baptist.

Milton S. Cabell is the only surviving child of six in his father's family. He had a brother, John, who married, but had no children, and a sister, Emma, died unmarried at the age of forty-two.

In 1867 Milton S. Cabell married at St. Louis Miss Nellie M. Martin. She was born at Camden, Missouri, in 1850, was educated there, and during more than half a century of married life she and Mr. Cabell have enjoyed a rich and rare companionship, have labored together, have made their lives worth much to the community as well as to themselves, and without children of their own they have done much to brighten life for others less fortunate. Mrs. Cabell's father, Thomas Martin, died in California when about seventy-five years of age. Thomas Martin married Miss Humphrey, who died at the home of her daughter when about seventy-five. Her parents were both natives of Indiana. Mrs. Cabell has a sister, Mrs. Gus Bowman, a widow, and mother of a son, William B. Bowman. The latter has two sons, William Bowman, Jr., and Charles, the former now serving in the aviation corps in France, while the latter is employed on a Mississippi River boat in Government service, the William Eastman. Mr. and Mrs. Cabell are members of the First Baptist Church of Quincy. He has been a Mason of high standing for forty years and is affiliated

with the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Consistory, having been a Scottish Rite Mason for thirty years.

HENRY F. SPRENGER. Careful, methodical and scientific farming at its very best is perhaps nowhere in Adams County better illustrated than on the place of Henry F. Sprenger in Honey Creek Township. This is in every sense a practical farm. Mr. Sprenger is not a wealthy business man running a farm for a diversion or pleasure, and his place has all the more significance and value as an example when it is remembered that he went in debt for the land when he acquired it, and made the farm pay for itself and bring the enviable prosperity he now enjoys.

Mr. Sprenger was born in Gilmer Township of this county, November 5, 1863, son of Frederick S. and Ida (Paymour) Sprenger. His parents were natives of Germany, his father born in Prussia and his mother in Hanover. As soon as they were married they started for America in 1858, landing at New Orleans, and coming north by boat to St. Louis. After a brief residence in Quincy they moved to Gilmer Township, and in 1862 moved to the old Sprenger homestead in section 23 of Honey Creek Township. Here Frederick Sprenger lived a busy and profitable life, which came to a close in February, 1897. In the family were five children: Henry F.; Mrs. Mary Wiegmann; Frank, who died March 21, 1905; Mrs. Ida Dinklage; and Mrs. Minnie Bauers. Mrs. Ida Dinklage still occupies and owns the old homestead farm in section 23. The Sprengers are of old German stock, and some of the interesting relics they brought with them from the fatherland are still in the family possession, including some German books which are more than a century old.

Henry F. Sprenger grew up in Honey Creek Township, was educated in the local schools and in the German school at Coatsburg, and was with his parents until he was about twenty-seven years of age. He bought the land included in his present farm in 1890 from the John Byers estate, but it was not until 1896 that he occupied it, in the meantime having operated his own land as well as his father's homestead. On November 18, 1896, Mr. Sprenger married Miss Mary Linkerman, daughter of Henry and Louisa (Holle) Linkerman. Her father was born in Germany and came to the United States in the '60s and died in 1913 in Camp Point Township. Her mother is still living. Mary Linkerman was born in Hancock County, and was twenty years of age at her marriage. She died January 15, 1906, leaving one son, William Henry, who is still at home. On June 15, 1910, Mr. Sprenger married Fredericka E. Linkerman, sister of his first wife.

It was in 1910 that Mr. Sprenger rebuilt the original home and that gives him the neat and attractive house in which he and his family now reside. In 1904 he erected the barn. His barn is now well supplied with a complete equipment and perfect arrangement of buildings, including hog barns, garage and granary, and he has carefully looked after and provided for an uninterrupted water supply, obtained from a deep drilled well 275 feet, and brought to the surface and distributed by means of a combination of windmill and gas engine. Mr. Sprenger has carefully graded up and improved his own livestock, marketing about a hundred head of Poland China hogs every year, and occasionally feeding some cattle for market. All his own corn is fed on the farm. For his work horses he has some good grades of Percherons.

When Mr. Sprenger bought his present farm in 1890 he had only \$800 to invest, and had to shoulder a big debt for the remainder. By steadily keeping at his work and always studying to better his land and his method of handling it, he has gradually emerged from all his obligations and his farm today would be hard to equal in the matter of efficiency and general value. He is a member of the Farmers Improvement Association of the county and takes pride in transforming his own farm enterprise and efforts toward the general betterment of the community. He served as a director of the Center School Board fifteen



years, is a democrat, a member and trustee of Coatsburg Lutheran Church, and all in all is one of the most substantial citizens of the county.

**CHARLES H. WOOD.** As a farmer and business manager Adams County has few men to compare with the late Charles H. Wood. For many years he was one of the most influential citizens of Ellington Township.

He was born on his father's farm in section 4 of that township, March 20, 1842, lived there all his life and died February 10, 1898. His parents were Charles and Ann Wood, both natives of England and of old English ancestry. They were married in England and their children born in the old country died before the parents came to America in 1840. They came to this country in a sailing vessel and after many weeks landed at New York and came on to Adams County. In England Charles Wood, Sr., had been a skillful weaver by trade, but in Adams County he bought land in Ellington Township and developed his property and owned a large and profitable estate. Both he and his wife died on the old farm, he at the age of fifty-six and she when seventy-six. They were members of the Episcopal Church.

Charles H. Wood was the only child of his parents to reach maturity. When a young man he took the management of the home farm and later became its owner. He increased his possessions and at one time had more than 400 acres, all well improved and constituting a most valuable property. He did general farming and was also an extensive fruit raiser. He developed several acres to fruit. His home was a substantial ten room house and there were other substantial buildings.

Mr. Wood was a staunch republican but never sought any office. He was a member of the United Brethren Church.

He first married Mary Kinkade, who was born and educated in Adams County. She died at the home in Ellington Township in 1884, when in the prime of life. Of her children the oldest, Enoch, is a resident of California and is the father of four daughters. S. Edmond has one of the finest farms in the vicinity of Augusta, Illinois, and is married and has two sons and four daughters. Abraham L. is a bachelor living in California. Isaac N. has a truck garden in Riverside Township of this county, and his family consists of a son and daughter. Lewis died at the age of twenty-three.

In the fall of 1886, in Gilmer Township, Mr. Wood married Miss Sarah McKee. Mrs. Wood since her husband's death has shown remarkable abilities in the handling of her affairs, and is regarded as one of the shrewdest business women in the county. She was born in Ellington Township and has spent all her life in this county. Taking property left to her management by her husband, she has greatly improved it, and has also acquired much property in Quincy. She now lives in Quincy at 524 North Ninth Street.

Mrs. Wood is a daughter of Samuel and Martha (McKeeman) McKee. Both parents were born in Ireland. Her mother was first married to William Boyle. They came to the United States and settled in Adams County, where Mr. Boyle died, leaving two sons, John and Daniel. She later married Mr. McKee, who had come to Adams County when a young man. Mr. and Mrs. McKee were Adams county farmers. He died in 1855, and his widow passed away at the age of seventy. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Wood was the only child of her father.

Mrs. Wood has three children: Martha M., who graduated from the Quincy High School in 1910, was a teacher for two years and is now the wife of William Shriver of Ursa Township. Their children are Eva May, William L. and Myrtle R. Ralph McKee Wood, born in 1893, graduated from high school in 1913 and is now a soldier at Camp Funston. Mary Lucinda graduated from the Quincy High School in 1915 and is at home with her mother. Mrs. Wood and her children are Presbyterians.

**EUGENE WEISINGER.** The men who deserve greatest credit for the immense productiveness of American agriculture are those who are in actual contact with the work and processes of the farms. An increasing part of American farms is owned by men who do not reside upon them and to only a limited degree are responsible for the fruits gathered from their lands. It is in the class of farm managers and those whose time and resources are concentrated upon the trying processes that Mr. Eugene Weisinger has his place. Mr. Weisinger is one of the finest types of American citizens. He is of German birth, but has lived in this country since boyhood. He signalized his devotion to American ideals by service in the Spanish-American war, and the degree of community esteem in which he is held is well reflected by his present position as supervisor of Gilmer Township.

Mr. Weisinger and family reside in section 35 of Gilmer Township, fourteen miles east of Quincy. He was born in the Kingdom of Wuerttemberg May 29, 1875. He was educated in the German common schools and was seventeen years old when he came to the United States. He was the only member of his immediate family to come to this country. His uncle, Carl Eppinger, was at that time a resident of Quincy. Mr. Weisinger arrived at Quincy July 2, 1892. A machinist by trade, he worked for the Plow Company and the Gardner Pump Works for one year, but since then has applied his efforts steadily to farming. He went to work as a farm laborer by the month, spending two years with William Zanger of Burton Township, two years with J. S. Lawless in Gilmer Township, and in 1898 took employment with J. R. Ferguson of Burton Township.

In the meantime Mr. Weisinger had been a member of the Naval Militia Company at Quincy, serving as acting boatswain's mate. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he enlisted in the United States Navy, and was in active service from May 25 to November 13, 1898. He was on the flagship Newark, first commanded by Commodore Watson and later by Rear Admiral Schley. He was an ordinary seaman, and was in charge of the poop deck or admiral's quarters. During his service in the Naval Militia he had been granted a gold medal for proficiency as a seaman.

When he received his honorable discharge from the navy Mr. Weisinger returned to farm work. In December, 1902, he married Sophia Page, of Burton Township, daughter of Michael Page. She was born in Burton Township and was twenty-two when she married. Up to the time of his marriage Mr. Weisinger had been a rather easy going and a "good fellow," and consequently his accumulations and capital amounted to only the savings from a year's earnings and a horse and buggy. With the responsibility of a home he set himself seriously to providing for the future. For three years he farmed in Burton Township and in the fall of 1905 came to his present place, then the Walter Cate farm in Gilmer Township. At that time he had the management of 140 acres and at present he has 300 acres under his control. This fine farm is owned by C. M. Henry. Mr. Weisinger has made a splendid success as a farm manager, and handles his fields and livestock with profit both to himself and the owner of the land. About every year he sends two carloads of his own hogs to market and also buys and feeds both cattle and hogs.

Mr. Weisinger has given much of his time to public affairs. He served as township clerk two years, was township collector of Burton Township the first year after his marriage, and was elected to his present office as supervisor of Gilmer Township in 1918. He is also a director of his home school district. Mr. Weisinger is a republican and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Columbus. In the Odd Fellows Lodge he has passed all the chairs and has been representative to the Grand Lodge. He and his family are supporting members of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Weisinger have a happy family of seven



children, the oldest aged fifteen. Their names in order of birth are Carl, Gladys, Emmett, Page, Clifton, Rosina and Ruth.

**FRED WILLIAM ALBSMEYER.** One of the interesting old timers of Adams County is Fred William Albsmeyer, now living retired at Quincy, and whose active life was spent on a farm in Melrose Township. The story of Mr. Albsmeyer's career illustrates what may be accomplished by a man of determination and without capital, and in spite of vicissitudes and circumstances in the highest degree discouraging.

Mr. Albsmeyer came to Adams County over fifty years ago. He was born in Kreis Hertford, Prussia, in May, 1845. His parents were farming people and spent all their lives in Germany. In 1867 Fred was persuaded by a couple of young men then revisiting in Germany to come to America. Arriving in Adams County his friends took him to the home of George Beilstein of Melrose Township. Mr. Albsmeyer had a \$10 gold piece on landing in this country. He had worked at low wages on farms and in the coal mines in Germany, and after coming to Adams County he spent four years working at \$15 a month in Melrose Township for William Beugert. He was thrifty, looked to the future, saved his money, and at the time of his marriage had \$400 for capital and also a team and an interest in a threshing machine.

February 21, 1872, Mr. Albsmeyer married Miss Charlotta Dickmann. She was born in Prussia, and came to the United States in 1871. After their marriage they rented a farm in Melrose Township five or six years. Mr. Albsmeyer then arranged for the purchase of the Peter Shear farm of 115 acres. This farm was in the very southeast corner of Melrose Township, cornering on Fall Creek, Burton and Payson Township. The purchase price was \$6,300. Mr. Albsmeyer had only \$300 to pay down, and went in debt for the balance at 8 per cent interest. The land had few improvements, chiefly a log stable and a small house. For several years there were no crops, and hog cholera swept away the few hogs he had. He was unable to pay even the interest and had to borrow money for that purpose. Later he bought forty acres more at \$70 per acre and the land had no building whatever. He kept steadily at work, clearing and improving his land, and using his fields for the production of wheat, oats and corn. In spite of losses he kept raising hogs, though two or three times his bunch was cleared out by the cholera. Gradually his debts shrunk, and in the meantime his farm increased in value. He built a new barn, enlarged the house, and made as fine a body of land as could be found in that community. Later Mr. Albsmeyer bought 160 acres in Harper County, Kansas, and his son lived there for several years. Mr. Albsmeyer still owns this Kansas property. In 1907 he retired from the farm and has since enjoyed the comforts of a good home in Quincy, his son William being manager of the farm.

Mr. Albsmeyer early became an American citizen and has regularly voted the democratic ticket. He is a member of the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church at Quincy.

The only son of Mr. and Mrs. Albsmeyer is William F. They have three daughters: Anna, wife of Ed Stockheke, of Mendon, and mother of one child, Grace; Lydia, who married William Speckhart, of Fall Creek Township and has four children, Alfred, Ralph, Alma and Wilma; and Clara, still at home.

William F. Albsmeyer married Catherine Speckhart, daughter of Adam Speckhart, one of the best known citizens of the county. For the past eleven years the son has operated the homestead farm. He and his wife have four children: George, Elmer, Esther and Marie. The son George is now a member of the Students Army Training Corps at the State University in Urbana.

**JAMES MEALIFF**, owner of Fairview Stock Farm, has been a resident of Adams County over half a century, and from farm hand at low wages has progressed through many years of strenuous effort to the ownership of one of

the excellent places in Honey Creek Township, and has independence in material circumstances and at the same time has reared and helped the children who have grown up around him. Mr. Mealiff has had to work for all he got, but while out of necessity attending closely to his own affairs he has had an unselfish and public spirited attitude toward the community and has done what he could to help forward the wheels of progress.

Mr. Mealiff was born in County Cavan, Ireland, February 7, 1843. He grew up on a farm and the knowledge of farming as acquired in Ireland was practically the only asset he brought to America. He was not yet twenty-one when he landed at New York December 22, 1863. He remained in the east two months and in February, 1864, arrived in Mendon Township. At that time he was \$35 in debt, and while this is an insignificant sum in the present day it required Mr. Mealiff the better part of a half year to pay off the obligation. For the first year in this county he worked for Abraham Chittenden at wages of \$12.50 per month. Having a special use for his money and not enjoying a large social acquaintance which required its expenditure, he saved practically all that he earned. In the spring of 1865 Mr. Mealiff enlisted to serve his adopted country as a soldier in the Union Army. He enlisted in Company D of the One Hundred and Fifty-Fifth Illinois Volunteers, and was sent to Tullahoma, Tennessee. He spent his time there drilling and doing guard duty, and was still thus employed when Lee's army surrendered. When the news of Lincoln's assassination reached him he was standing on the picket line. He also did some duty in guarding bridges and railroads and was discharged in September, 1865, after eight months of service.

After the war Mr. Mealiff continued work for Mr. Chittenden two years, and continued to give his labor to other farmers in the county for six or seven years longer. He commanded about the highest wages paid for farm labor, \$22.50 a month for nine months out of the year. Among his other employers were Percy Sproat, Clark Strickler and W. W. Benton.

December 28, 1871, seven years after coming to Adams County, Mr. Mealiff married Jane Hewitt, daughter of William Hewitt, whose family also came from County Cavan, Ireland. Mrs. Mealiff died in 1886, at the age of thirty years. Mr. Mealiff in May, 1888, married his first wife's sister, Eliza Hewitt.

Early in his married career Mr. Mealiff and his cousin, William Mealiff bought 200 acres of wild land, and they were partners in its ownership and development for about ten years. James Mealiff then sold his interest to his cousin and invested the proceeds in his present farm of 160 acres, located  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Mendon. Later he bought another forty acres, so that his farm comprises 200 acres. His land has been carefully handled and improved with a good house, barn and other buildings, and has been the scene of some profitable mixed farming, grain crops and the raising of Shorthorn cattle, hogs and horses.

It would be one of the interesting stories of individual experience could all the details be presented of Mr. Mealiff's struggle toward independence. When he married and bought his first land he had saved about \$500 from his wages. Naturally he assumed a big debt, and for years paid 10 per cent interest. Care and provision for his family used up most of his earnings and it was thirty years before he could call himself entirely clear of debt. He also experienced the eras of low prices. Many times he sold his hogs at 3 cents a pound after feeding them 50 cent corn, so that there was absolutely no reward for his labor and care. Mrs. Mealiff also raised a flock of turkeys, and the best price that could be obtained for these birds was 4 cents a pound. Mr. Mealiff is a vestryman in the Episcopal Church at Mendon and while a republican voter has avoided any mention of office for himself.

By his first wife he had five children: William A., a bachelor, who is now handling the farm for his father; Elizabeth, who died at the age of twelve years; Sarah Jane, who died at the age of twenty-five, the wife of John F. Dickerman; James Edward, a farmer in Mendon Township who married Julia Talcott;







*Charles E. Delaplaine*



and Robert H., who for the past fifteen years has lived at Monte Vista, Colorado. By his second wife Mr. Mealiff had one son, John K., a farmer in Keene Township. This son married Ruth Chittenden, daughter of H. F. Chittenden.

CHARLES E. DELAPLAIN is a Quincy business man who has the reputation of having made a success in practically every one of life's undertakings. He has been a very busy man, was formerly a stock buyer and dealer, but has found his chief and most profitable field of operations as a real estate man. His offices are in the Sterns Building at Quincy, where he has been located since establishing his business at Quincy in 1916.

Mr. Delaplain was born at Plainville in Payson Township of this county April 27, 1868. His father, John Delaplain, was a native of West Virginia, of French ancestry. When a young man he came West and settled near Quincy, and for several years followed his trade as a carpenter. He helped build the old Scheers barn, the largest in the county at that time. For some years he was also associated in trade with Mr. Watt, a merchant at Payson. Later John Delaplain built the first store at Plainville in the south end of the county. In order to clear the site for his store building he had to cut and carry away part of a field of corn there. Thus he was in a business sense the originator of Plainville and conducted a general merchandise store for the benefit of that community thirty-six years. Finally selling out, he moved to Winfield, Kansas, and died there two years later, in 1894. He was a democrat, and for six terms held the office of postmaster at Plainville. He was a very active man in his community and his influence was especially directed to the building and support of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which his wife was also very active. It was in the Plainville community that John Delaplain married Miss Lucy Monroe, daughter of Elijah Monroe. Her father was born in Ross County, Ohio, and married a Miss Hendershot. Elijah Monroe came to Illinois and lived on the line between Adams and Pike counties. He died at the age of seventy-four and the mother at eighty-six. Mrs. John Delaplain was born near Zanesville, Ohio, and is still living at Winfield, Kansas, bright and active at the age of eighty-four. Her children are three in number: Ida, Ollie and Charles E. Ida married D. D. Hadzell, of Oklahoma, and has reared to adult years three sons and four daughters. The daughter Ollie still lives with her widowed mother in Winfield.

Charles E. Delaplain spent his youth and boyhood at Plainville in the southern part of the county and while there learned the trade of butcher, and that occupation introduced him to the general business of stock buying. He also had some experience as a general merchant, and the various things he undertook seemed to prosper in his hands. For the past nineteen years he has been giving nearly all his energies to the real estate business. He is affiliated with the Odd Fellows Lodge and the Woodman Camp at Plainville. Mr. Delaplain has been twice married, but has no children. His present wife was formerly Miss Imo N. McEntee, who was born and reared near Barry, Illinois.

AUGUST BASSE. For over sixty years the name Basse has been identified in the minds of many Quincy people with the jewelry business. The Basses are a remarkable family, remarkable for their genius as artistic workmen in different kinds of material, and also as thorough business men, upright citizens and people who are worth while in any community.

The late August Basse was born in Essen, Germany, January 15, 1840. His people for many years had lived in the great German art center of Duesseldorf, and for years they had conducted a business for the manufacture of pewter ware. August Basse, Sr., was born at Essen and in 1836 he married Henrietta Hulsmann, also a native of Essen. August Basse, Sr., learned the trade of woodworker and wood carver. He had much of that wonderful skill which is attrib-

uted to the world famous carvers in wood and other materials in Germany. Some of the rare pieces he executed are still extant. He brought to America with him a wonderfully intricate and interesting sample of wood carving, representing a spread eagle in wood and a Dutch hound in ivory. He attached these to a beautiful cane. He and his family came to America in 1855, and from Philadelphia came west to Illinois. In 1856 he established a jewelry store at 518 Maine Street in Quincy and there built up a large and successful business. His brother-in-law Mr. Henry Hulsmann, was associated with him as gold and silversmith.

This business was finally acquired and succeeded by August Basse, Jr. who had grown up and learned the trade in New York and Boston. He gave the best years of his life to its management and was one of the prominent business men of Quincy. He died in this city June 15, 1907. He was reared a Lutheran and was a republican in politics.

March 19, 1864, at Quincy, August Basse married Marie Kespohl, who was born in Germany May 21, 1842. She was reared and educated in Germany, a daughter of Henry and Augusta (Kuster) Kespohl, natives of the same place. The Kespohl family came to the United States and located at Quincy, where her parents spent the rest of their days. Her father died in 1881 and her mother some years later at the age of seventy. They were members of the Lutheran Church and reared a large family of children, four of whom are still living.

To Mr. and Mrs. August Basse were born six children: Clara died when one year old. August is now in business at Salt Lake City and is married but has no children. Bertha, who like her brothers and sisters was well educated in the city schools of Quincy, has always lived at home with her mother. Sophie, who died March 12, 1916, was the wife of E. Roy Harris, of Perry, Illinois. Mr. Harris died July 28, 1914, and they left two sons, Richard A. and Lloyd E. Richard A., who enlisted in the army medical corps at Jefferson Barracks, was a student in chemical engineering at the University of Illinois. Lloyd E. is a member of the Quincy High School class of 1919 and lives with his grandmother. Henry Basse is successor to his father's business as a jeweler, and thus continues a line of trade which has been in this one family for three generations. He married Valinda Stollberg. Marie L., the youngest of Mrs. Basse's children, is the wife of Henry Pieper, and they have two children, Marie L. and John H.

**EDWARD N. MONROE.** In all respects a worthy representative of the industrial and manufacturing interests of Adams County, Edward N. Monroe is numbered among its more active and successful business men, the large and well equipped plant in which he manufactures dye stuffs of all kinds being advantageously located on the bay, near Quincy. Coming from a long line of honored New England stock, he was born April 7, 1855, in Chillicothe, Ohio, where his childhood days were spent.

His father, Edward Monroe, was born and bred in Massachusetts. For a time during the Civil war he was connected with the Union army in Washington District of Columbia, but after the surrender of Lee he moved with his family to Putnam County, Missouri. Buying a tract of wild land, he improved a good farm, and there resided until his death. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Hard, was born in Vermont, and died on the home farm in Missouri.

The only child of his parents, Edward N. Monroe acquired a practical education in the public schools, and soon after entering his teens, about 1870, began work in a drug store at Unionville, Missouri. In 1876 he embarked in business on his own account, and subsequently experimented largely as a manufacturer of dyes, meeting with exceptionally good results in his undertakings. In 1907 Mr. Monroe located in Adams County, Illinois, and established his present manufacturing plant in, or very near, Quincy, the factory covering an area of 40,000 square feet, while his chemical rooms and laboratory occupy a space of about



100,000 square feet. In the art of manufacturing dyes Mr. Monroe has met with rare success, the products of his factory equalling in beauty and durability of color the dyes that were formerly imported into this country from foreign lands.

Mr. Monroe married Flora Waggoner, a native of Pennsylvania, and into the household thus established three children have been born, namely: Neal E., who is associated in business with his father, having charge of the manufactory; Burk C., deceased; and Octavia, wife of Lawrence P. Bonfoey, of Quincy. Mr. Monroe is a republican in politics, and is a director and the vice president of the States Savings Loan and Trust Company.

**AUGUST H. HEIDBREDER.** The prominent and prosperous business men of Adams County have no more able or worthy representative than August H. Heidbreder of Quincy, a leading druggist who has established a chain of stores in the city and is carrying on an extensive and substantial business. He was born March 6, 1856, in Quincy, Illinois, of German ancestry.

His father, John H. Heidbreder, was born, bred and educated in Germany. Soon after his marriage with Hannah Schaeffer he immigrated to the United States, and following the march of civilization westward to Illinois, he located in Quincy, where he at first engaged in teaming, and in 1875 he sold his teaming business and engaged in the drug business, with his son August H., with whom he was prosperously associated until his death. To him and his wife ten children were born, as follows: Louisa, deceased; August H., the special subject of this brief sketch; Wilhelmina, deceased; Minnie, widow of Philip Breer, of Salt Lake City, Utah; Recka, widow of Rev. William Meigar, of Quincy; Mary, deceased; Hannah, of Quincy; Emma, of Quincy; George H., who died July 9, 1917; and Elizabeth, deceased.

Receiving his preliminary education in the public and parochial schools, August H. Heidbreder fitted himself for a business career at the Gem City Business College. In 1875 he embarked in the drug business with his father, being located at the corner of Eighth and State streets, and continued there for a number of years. In 1892 Mr. Heidbreder admitted his brother, George H. Heidbreder, to partnership, the firm name becoming Heidbreder Brothers. In 1907 Mr. Heidbreder's oldest son Albert H. Heidbreder, became a member of the firm, and the name was changed to Heidbreder Brothers and Company. Three years later this firm, with characteristic enterprise, built a three-story brick and stone building, more commodious quarters being needed to meet the demands of his trade. Mr. Heidbreder has founded five drug stores in Quincy, and in their management is actively and profitably interested.

He married Mary Niekamp, a native of Quincy, and into their home eight children have been born, namely: Albert H., associated with his father in the drug business; Charles A., secretary of the Quincy Stove Company, of which Mr. Heidbreder is president; Frank H., deceased; Minnie, wife of William Evers, of Quincy; Mamie, deceased; Ella, wife of Albert Niemeyer, a druggist, located at the corner of Twelfth and State streets, Quincy; and Herbert H. and Edgar Phillip, now serving in the United States Army, being members of the Medical Corps. Mr. Heidbreder is a valued member of the Saint Jacobi Lutheran Church, and of which his father was for thirty-two years the treasurer. He succeeded his father and served eight years in that office, a total of forty years for father and son to hold the same position.

**BENJAMIN F. CATE** lives a mile south of Paloma in Gilmer Township, and has been a factor as a farmer and good citizen of that locality all his active career. The Cate family came into Adams County about eighty years ago and they and their family connections have exercised an important influence in the various communities where they lived, always in behalf of better farming and better improvements, schools and churches.

The place where Benjamin F. Cate was born September 29, 1862, is six miles south of his present home. His parents were Walter and Jane (Pierce) Cate. Walter Cate was born at Greenfield, New Hampshire, and was twelve years of age when in 1836 he accompanied his parents by wagon and ox team to Western Illinois. His father, Walter Cate, Sr., and wife both died in Gilmer Township. Walter Cate, Jr., grew up here as a frontier youth and before his marriage managed to accumulate a few acres of land and build a small house. He married Jane Pierce, daughter of David Pierce. She was born in Tennessee and came with her parents to Gilmer Township about 1840. The Pierce family also drove through with wagon and team. David Pierce died after reaching advanced years. Though Walter Cate and wife began their housekeeping in limited circumstances, their thrift and industry enabled them to make a fine farm of about 300 acres, and this they finally sold, and for the last twelve years Mr. Cate lived retired at Camp Point, where he died at the age of eighty-nine. His wife, who was sixteen when she married, died at the age of sixty. Walter Cate served as a justice of the peace for a number of years, was a democrat in politics, and a Baptist in religious faith, though his last years were spent in the Methodist Church. He and his wife had a large family, twelve children, and eleven of them reached maturity: Levi, a retired resident of Camp Point; Nannie, who married R. L. Booth of Camp Point, where she died in 1918, at the age of sixty-one; Arthur, living retired at Camp Point; Mary, Mrs. J. T. Sims, of Augusta, Illinois; Benjamin F.; George, an undertaker at Redondo Beach, California; David, a resident of San Diego, California; Emma, Mrs. Clifford Richards, of El Centro in the Imperial Valley of California; Lou, who is unmarried and lives with her brother George; Nona, Mrs. A. B. Childs of Olathe, Kansas; and Iva, Mrs. Charles Taylor, living on a farm at Plymouth, Illinois.

Benjamin F. Cate was reared at the old home, attended the local schools, and remained with his father on the farm for several years after reaching his majority. When twenty-four years old on January 19, 1887, he married Miss Emma Lummis, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Lawless) Lummis. The Lummis and Lawless families have been factors in Adams County since early days, and further reference to them will be found on other pages of this publication. Mr. and Mrs. Cate were married in a house that formerly occupied the site of their present home. Mrs. Cate has lived in this one locality since she was seven years old. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cate farmed for five years on a part of his father's place and in 1892 they bought her father's farm, at which date her father retired. This farm contains eighty acres and it has since been improved with a new house, barn and garage, and is operated up to the maximum of productiveness by Mr. and Mrs. Cate's son-in-law Ed Kopsieker. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Cate bought a home at Paloma, where they intend to spend their last years in comfort. Mr. Cate served as township clerk for seven years, and as supervisor eleven years, and for four years was deputy sheriff under Sheriff John Tombs. He is an active democrat, is a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Paloma and for many years was superintendent of the Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. Cate's oldest child, Walter, was a young man of much promise and was drowned at the age of twenty-two, while on a fishing expedition to the Mississippi River. Their daughter Alta is the wife of Ed Kopsieker, already referred to as the manager of the Cate farm. Mr. and Mrs. Kopsieker have a daughter, Alice Florence. The younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cate, Florence, is a graduate of the Coatsburg High School and is still at home.

LEONARD M. SCHMITT, who died July 2, 1915, was for a long period of years an active merchant and druggist at Quincy, and represented one of the sterling German families that were identified with the pioneer upbuilding of this community. He was a good business man and was always straightforward in his



relations and a sustaining worker in every public spirited movement that had a worthy cause behind it.

His parents were Leonard and Margaret (Jost) Schmitt, both natives of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. They came to America in 1836. Leonard Schmitt, Sr., had learned the trade of cabinet maker and carpenter in early life, and after locating at Quincy he was a follower of his trade, and much of his work was manufacturing coffins as needed in the town. About 1845 he became a contractor and builder, and many of the homes and other structures of the city dating from that year were monuments to his enterprise. He continued in business until 1865, when he retired with an ample competence and after that lived in the city until his death in April, 1898, at the age of eighty-seven. His wife died in March, 1896, at the age of eighty-one. They had been married over half a century and practically all their married lives were spent in the home at 810 Hampshire Street which Leonard Schmitt, Sr., built. They were early and prominent members of St. Boniface Catholic Church, and he was identified with the Western Catholic Union and in politics was a democrat. They were the parents of a large family of children, all of whom grew up except one that died in infancy. Elizabeth, wife of Safford Dehner, lives on Hampshire Street; Mrs. Catherine Pireo died in St. Louis; Mrs. Lucy Denkhoff died at Quincy; Mrs. Margaret Schwantz died at Poplar Grove, Arkansas; Sister Hyacinth, of the Order of St. Francis, is connected with St. Elizabeth's Hospital at Louisville, Kentucky; Mrs. Joseph Jacoby lives at Quincy; Mrs. Gerry Jansen lives in St. Louis; Leonard M.; George died in Chicago; and Nicholas lives in St. Louis.

The late Leonard M. Schmitt was born in Quincy March 24, 1848. He was educated in the parochial schools and St. Boniface school, also St. Francis College, and in 1862 he went to work in a drug store, spending three years with Dowry & Morton. He then became connected with the house of Rogers & Malone, and was with that firm for twenty years. In 1882 he moved to Chicago and was a partner in the Hulburt Drug Company until 1887, when he returned to Quincy and bought a store at 629 Hampshire Street. He developed that as one of the best centers for drugs and drug merchandise in the city and continued active in its management until 1910, when he sold out to Mr. Kiefer, and from that time until his death lived a rather retired life. He was an early member of the Knights of Columbus, was also identified with the Western Catholic Union and the Catholic Knights of America and in politics was a democrat. He was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church.

In 1882 Mr. Schmitt married Frances K. Koenig, of Jacksonville, Illinois, where she was born and where she was educated in parochial schools. She finished her education in the Ursuline Academy at Springfield, Illinois. Mrs. Schmitt is a daughter of August and Anna (Busold) Koenig, both of whom were natives of Hesse Darmstadt and came to America when young people. They married in Louisville, Kentucky, and on settling at Jacksonville, Illinois, August Koenig engaged in the grocery business. Mrs. Schmitt's mother died at Jacksonville more than fifty years ago, when the daughter was only four years old. Her father died in March, 1896. Mrs. Schmitt is one of two children, her sister being Mrs. Enoch Yentzer, of Ottawa, Illinois. Her father by a second marriage had four children, all now deceased except Mrs. Paulina Keating, of Jacksonville.

Mrs. Schmitt is the mother of three children. Augusta was educated in St. Mary's Academy and is the wife of Edward B. Moller, a Quincy lumberman. Mr. and Mrs. Moller have a daughter, Lucile, aged five and a half years. Lenore, the second child, is the wife of William C. Walter, of Peoria. They have a son, William Leonard aged six years. Raymond G., the youngest child, was educated in St. Francis College and is a machinist by trade and his home is still with his mother. He has been serving his country in the war. The children were all confirmed in St. Francis Catholic Church at Quincy.

**AUGUST C. STROOT.** Noteworthy for his keen business intelligence, ability and tact, August C. Stroot holds high rank among the prosperous merchants of Quincy, where he is conducting an extensive trade in hardware, his well-stocked store being conveniently located at 1139 and 1141 Broadway. A son of the late Bernard Stroot, he was born April 24, 1860, in Hanover, Germany.

Born, reared and married in Germany, Bernard Stroot came with his wife and children to America in 1867, locating in Quincy, Illinois. Working a few years, he added considerably to his previous savings, and subsequently lived retired until his death. His wife, whose maiden name was Helen Bendixen, was born in Germany and died in Quincy. They reared four children, as follows: Bernard, deceased; John H., of Quincy; Mary, a Sister in Notre Dame Convent; and August C.

But seven years of age when brought to Quincy by his parents, August C. Stroot was educated in the city, attending the parochial schools and Saint Francis College. Beginning life as clerk in a dry goods establishment, he continued thus employed until eighteen years old, when he found similar employment in the hardware store of H. and J. H. Tenk. Faithful in the performance of his duties, he won the confidence and regard of his employer, and when the business was incorporated as the Tenk Hardware Company Mr. Stroot was made secretary, and continued thus officially identified with the firm for sixteen years, at the end of which time he was forced, on account of ill health, to resign the position. Subsequently opening a hardware store at the corner of Eleventh Street and Broadway, he managed it successfully for a few years. His constantly increasing business then demanding more commodious quarters, Mr. Stroot bought the large brick building at the corner of Broadway and Twelfth Street, and having erected a warehouse in the rear has continued his operations with characteristic enterprise and success. His new residence, a fine brick house of modern construction at 433 North 20th Street has just been completed and is a fine example of architectural beauty and utility.

On June 6, 1887, Mr. Stroot married Anna Kathmann, a most attractive and estimable woman. She died December 21, 1891, leaving one child, Alphons C. Stroot, now engaged in business with his father. On October 11, 1893, Mr. Stroot again married, taking for his second wife Matilda Ridder. Of this union seven children have been born, namely: Rosalia, wife of Carl A. Kollmeyer, of Quincy; Helen; Edgar, with his father; Loretta; Edith; August and Carline. Mr. and Mrs. Stroot are members of Saint Francis Church. Politically Mr. Stroot is identified with the democratic party. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the Western Catholic Union.

**JOSEPH G. EIFF.** A prominent business man of Quincy, Joseph G. Eiff is especially well known as a contractor and builder. He has always been a hard and indefatigable worker in anything he has undertaken and has earned and deserves the confidence and esteem of his neighbors, associates and co-workers.

Born in Quincy September 1, 1858, he was educated in the public schools, acquiring when young a practical knowledge fitting him for a business life. At the age of about seventeen he began learning the trade of plasterer and was an apprentice for about four years. After that he worked as a journeyman and about 1880 began contracting for plastering work. Most of his business was in this line until about 1906, when he added paving and sewer building, and gradually as experience has dictated he has built up a large and complete organization for contract work in these lines. He has put down some of the important paving and sewer construction in several parts of the city. In 1908 he took his son Edward J. into partnership, and in 1918 they added to their other lines a wholesale and retail yard at 1013 Broadway, where they handle all kinds of building material. In the early '80s Mr. Eiff became a stockholder and organizer of the Quincy Sand Company, and has held stock in that well known corporation ever since. In 1900 he was one of the organizers of the



Quincy Grocery Company, and was its vice president until about 1909, when he sold his interest.

Mr. Eiff married Miss Mary Vogel. She was born in Melrose Township of this county. They had two children, Edward J. and Emily, the latter the wife of William Strauss of Quincy.

Edward J. Eiff was educated in the parochial schools, in Quincy College and in the Gem City Business College. At the age of seventeen he entered the office of the Quincy Grocery Company and was employed by that firm about seven years. He left there to go to Chicago, and spent a year as auditor in the general offices of the National Association of Traveling Salesmen. After resigning that work he returned to Quincy and formed the partnership with his father under the name of Joseph Eiff and Son, as above noted. Edward now looks after the larger part of the contract work and outside work of the firm. He is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

**WILLIAM A. SCHWINDELER.** The habit of industry early acquired no doubt has had much to do with the subsequent success in life of many rather notable business men, and in this light, necessity of work in youth may be called rather a blessing than a hardship. For an interesting example one may go no further than Quincy, finding in one of her prominent citizens a typical case in proof, William A. Schwindeler, president of the Illinois Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers. His whole business life has been one of continuous industry and he became a wage earner almost in childhood.

William A. Schwindeler was born in this city February 2, 1883. His parents, Henry and Louisa (Meyer) Schwindeler, were also born at Quincy, where the mother yet resides and where the father died in 1886. He was a shoemaker by trade, a hardworking man all his life and one who was universally respected. Of his family of six children William A. was the fifth in order of birth, the others being: Mamie, who is the wife of George L. Timmerwilke, of Quincy; Anna, who is deceased; John, who is in business at Kansas City, Missouri; and Fred and Henry, both deceased.

For many years every boy fortunate enough to be a resident of Quincy, has had exceptional educational advantages in her public schools, and the parents of William A. Schwindeler provided for his attendance although they also encouraged him in his endeavors to provide for his own support. He was only eleven years old when he joined the newsboy colony and few complaints were ever received because of non-delivery of papers from patrons on his route, and what he earned thereby he supplemented by working on Saturdays for a local grocery house. He was found thoroughly reliable and when thirteen years old was accepted as a regular grocery clerk and continued to work in that capacity for three years. From the grocery trade he went with the Reliance Tea Company, and through this connection, when only seventeen years old, received a flattering offer from a grocery house in New York City and went there to accept it.

Mr. Schwindeler did not remain long in New York but returned to the Reliance Tea Company and subsequently went on the road for the grocery house of Durand, Kasper & Company of Chicago, which firm he successfully represented for three and a half years over a wide territory. In 1906 he embarked in the grocery business for himself on Fourth Street and Payson Avenue, and then began the manufacture of ice cream, two and a half years later moving to No. 119 North Sixth Street, going into the ice cream business extensively and exclusively. Ever since he has continued the manufacture of this delicacy and has through his enterprise and good judgment built up an enormous business which has required great expansion of facilities. He still carries on his retail business at the above address, but on May 1, 1917, took possession of his wholesale quarters, a new factory of pressed brick construction, two stories high, situated at No. 1009 Maine Street. This is one of the finest

plants of its kind in the country and is equipped with every kind of special machinery known to the trade and his product, of superior quality, is known and in demand all over the state. As an indication of his prominence in the ice cream business and as proof of the confidence and esteem felt for him by his associates, it may be mentioned that at Chicago, November 15, 1917, at the meeting held by the ice cream manufacturers of the state, he was elected president of the Illinois body. At the same meeting a committee, including Mr. Schwindeler, was appointed to aid in the Y. M. C. A. drive for funds, in which he subsequently was such an important factor, meeting with ready response in his patriotic appeals.

Mr. Schwindeler was married April 21, 1904, to Miss Bertha Liebermann, who was born at Quincy, and they have one child, Willma, who was born October 12, 1906.

In addition to his large manufacturing business Mr. Schwindeler has other interests. In association with Heman Nelson he is interested in the Star and Belasco Motion Picture theaters at Quincy. In his political affiliation he is a republican but he has never had any desire for public office, his business, home and fraternal interests filling up a full measure of activity and usefulness. He is a Thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner, and is secretary of the Quincy Rotary Club.

THOMAS J. FRAZIER. In the words of appreciation spoken by some who know him best, Thomas J. Frazier is just naturally a good farmer, a good business man and a good all around citizen. The American farmer has been accused of much inefficiency, and no doubt justly, but Mr. Frazier is an example of the very opposite. There is no slackness or looseness about his farm, and whatever he does he does well.

The Frazier country home and farm is in Ursa Township, nine miles north of Quincy. It consists of 240 acres, formerly known as the Michael Daugherty Farm. Michael Daugherty came to this county in 1850, acquired nearly 500 acres of land, and built the house now occupied by the Frazier family in 1860. Mr. Frazier acquired this farm in 1903, and for the past fifteen years has been steadily increasing its improvements and facilities. In 1904 he erected what has been called by competent judges one of the finest and most complete barns in the county. It is 44 by 80 feet, with a full height basement and with 20-foot posts. The foundation wall is of stone and other walls of concrete, and aside from the permanence of its construction the barn is characterized by an arrangement of facilities seldom equalled. The hay loft has a capacity for 120 tons, and there are also five storage places for grain. Much of the flooring and other woodwork is of hard wood, some of it of hard maple. Mr. Frazier has done much construction work with cement. He uses cement wherever possible and most of his fences are wire stretched on solid cement posts. The crops that grow on his generous fields are all fed at home to cattle and hogs, and he is one of the leading men in Adams County in the raising, feeding and shipping of livestock.

Mr. Frazier is of pioneer stock, and his father, Lemuel G. Frazier, was one of the first inhabitants of Ursa Township. Lemuel G. Frazier was born at Cynthiana in Harrison County, Kentucky, February 18, 1811. His parents were George and Lucretia (Blackburn) Frazier. Lemuel G. Frazier arrived in Adams County April 13, 1827. He located in the southern part of Ursa Township, and later bought a farm in section 29 just north of the place where his son Thomas resides. Here Lemuel G. Frazier passed away October 5, 1880. He was a man of prominence in the county, owned a large farm, served at one time as county coroner and in other capacities, was a democrat in politics and a member of the Christian Church. He married twice, his first wife being Mary Jane Roberts, of Ohio, who became the mother of three children. On August 19, 1853, Lemuel G. Frazier married Eva M. Ahalt, who was born in





Tom J. Frazier





Frederick County, Maryland, September 10, 1829. She was a daughter of Isaac and Margaret (Remsberg) Ahalt. To this second marriage were born nine children, five sons and four daughters, one of whom was Thomas J.

Thomas J. Frazier was born in Adams County June 25, 1857. His early education was supplied by the public schools of Ursa Township, and when starting out for himself he did farming as a renter. While he acknowledges some assistance from his father and others, Mr. Frazier has in fact been dependent upon his own energies and forcefulness for the success he has won. A man of his ability would probably succeed in farming no matter what the conditions or obstacles he had to contend with. Nearly all his farming has been done in Adams County, though in 1897 he bought 260 acres of land in Lewis County, Missouri, but never lived upon that property, which he sold in 1901. Mr. Frazier is a stockholder and director in the Mid-West Insurance Company of Quincy. He is a democratic voter, but his only office has been that of school director. He is affiliated with Lodge No. 114, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Marcelline, and his family are members of the Christian Church at Ursa.

June 15, 1881, Mr. Frazier married Miss Belle Woodruff, who was born February 3, 1859, daughter of Freeman and Frances (Harrison) Woodruff, of Ursa Township. Mr. and Mrs. Frazier have an interesting family of three children: Mabel E., who was born December 10, 1882, was educated in the local schools and is now the wife of Ira Powell, a farmer at Carthage, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Powell have a son, Paul. Ida M., the second daughter, born August 27, 1885, completed her education in the high school at Quincy and is the wife of Albert Wissman, of Ellington Township. They have a son, Glenn. The youngest of the family is Grover L. Frazier, born December 16, 1890. He is associated with his father as a partner in the farm, and Grover L. has also recently just bought forty acres adjoining his father's place. This son married Jennie Daugherty, and their four children are Kennett, Merle, Melvin and Thomas G.

**ALFRED KURZ.** As manager of the business of one of the larger and more important mercantile firms of Quincy, Alfred Kurz displays unquestioned ability, sagacity and sound judgment, having built up a far-reaching and profitable trade not only as a bookseller but as a dealer in plate glass and window glass. A son of Joseph Kurz, he was born in Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, October 29, 1861.

Joseph Kurz was born, bred and educated in Germany. Immigrating to the United States about 1856, he settled first in Pennsylvania. In 1867, accompanied by his family, he came to Quincy, Illinois, and for a while followed his trade of a butcher. Subsequently opening a boarding house, he managed it until his death, which occurred April 24, 1884. He married Walburga Weisenhorn, who was born in Germany, and is now a resident of Quincy. They were the parents of three children, as follows: Joseph, deceased; Alfred; and William, of Quincy.

Acquiring his elementary education in the parochial schools, Alfred Kurz completed a course of study in the Gem City Business College, after which he embarked on a mercantile career, beginning as clerk in a store. In 1880 he entered the employ of Mr. Oenning, a dealer in books, window glass and plate glass. Interested in his work and eminently faithful to the duties of his position, Mr. Kurz gradually worked his way upward, and in 1908 was made manager of the entire business of the firm, which under his supervision has already assumed large proportions and is each year growing in extent and value.

Mr. Kurz married, June 4, 1889, Elizabeth R. Mast, a most estimable woman. Mr. and Mrs. Kurz have no children. In his political relations Mr. Kurz is a democrat. Religiously he is a member of Saint Boniface Catholic Church.

Fraternally he belongs to the Western Catholic Union, and to the Travelers Protective Association.

CHARLES W. MILLER is identified with an old farm and an old family of Ursa Township, and is a son of the late William E. Miller, whose tremendous energy and great usefulness in the county are still widely appreciated. The Miller farm one-half mile west of Marcelline it is no exaggeration to speak of as one of the best in the township. The Millers as a family have been people of means, of influence, and of distinctive leadership in community affairs.

The late William E. Miller was born in Ursa Township June 7, 1835, a son of Bradshaw and Rebecca (Keith) Miller, Bradshaw Miller was a native of Virginia and his wife of Kentucky, and they came to Adams County in 1833, settling in Ursa Township, where Bradshaw acquired large tracts of land.

William E. Miller was educated in the Ursa Township schools and when a young man acquired the fine farm now owned by his son Charles. This land has been in the family possession for over eighty years. William E. Miller spent all his life on that farm until the death of his wife in 1911, and he passed away in honored remembrance July 4, 1917, at the age of eighty-two. On August 5, 1862, he enlisted in Company B of the Seventy-Eighth Illinois Infantry, and though wounded kept his place in the ranks until practically the end of the war. After the war he resumed farming and planned and executed many of the improvements which are now found on the 190 acres comprising his estate. He was a democrat in politics and for a number of years filled the office of school director, though he was not a seeker for public honors. For thirty-eight years he was a well known hog buyer and his neighbors and friends refer to him frequently as "Hog Bill Miller" and also "Big Bill Miller," and he was in fact big in body as well as in mind and heart and deserved all the hosts of friends who still live to pay his memory tribute. William E. Miller was the youngest of eight children. His father, Bradshaw Miller, had moved to Morgan County, Illinois, in 1827 and died in Adams County in 1857. Mrs. Bradshaw Miller died in 1864.

January 7, 1858, William E. Miller married Miss Sarah Ann Anderson, who was born near Powersville in Breckenridge county, Kentucky, October 21, 1838. Her parents were Capt. John C. and Nancy Anderson. Captain Anderson was commander of Company B, of the Seventy-Eighth Illinois Infantry during the Civil war, William Miller being a private in that company. William E. Miller and wife had ten children, those now living being as follows: U. K. Miller, of Quincy; Charles W.; John B., of Los Angeles; Bert, of Laidlow, Oregon; Fred, of Macomb, Illinois; Mrs. Dollie Loughlin, of Tillamook, Oregon; and Dora Worley, of Macomb, Illinois.

Charles W. Miller was born on his father's farm, and has always lived there and is a worthy successor of his father as a stock raiser. He handles a large bunch of hogs every year and gives his active supervision to 190 acres. His farm is well improved, the house having been built in 1887 and the barn in 1880 by his father.

March 2, 1892, Charles W. Miller married Alta Agard, daughter of W. I. and Jennie (Wade) Agard. Mrs. Miller was born July 21, 1872. They have a family of children named as follows: Clyde E., who now operates the old Agard home; Hazel D., wife of Luther Sauble, of Lima Township; and Ray, Olive, Alva, Wade and Dean, who are all still in the family circle.

ELISHA JAMES VINSON. On the farm in section 7 of Lima Township where he was born eighty years ago, and in the house that was erected by his father when he was two years old, Elisha James Vinson is now passing the declining years of life and enjoying that retrospect which is one of the delights of old age, comprising years of substantial industry, productive effort, the rearing of family and the worthy fulfillment of obligations which beget community esteem.



Mr. Vinson was born September 30, 1838, a son of Isaac D. and Kittie (Orr) Vinson. His father was born in Giles County Tennessee, May 26, 1804, and his mother in Bourbon County, Kentucky, October 8, 1807. They married in Kentucky. Kittie Orr was the daughter of William Orr, who figures prominently as one of the earliest settlers of Lima Township. He came to this county in 1829, and put in a crop that season. The Orrs and the Vinsons had adjoining farms and William Orr laid out the town of Lima and the Vinson farm also covered part of the village site. Isaac Vinson was identified with the community from 1830 until his death on June 9, 1847, while his widow survived him until November 9, 1862. Isaac Vinson at one time operated the pioneer carding mill at Lima. The old home in which Elisha James Vinson now lives was built by his father in the fall of 1840. Isaac D. Vinson and wife had a family of six sons and two daughters. The sons were: William Daniel, who died in Oklahoma at the age of seventy years; Grayson Thomas, who was born in 1834, was one of the successful farmers and influential citizens of Lima township, and died at his home there at the age of eighty-one; Elisha James, the third son; Jesse Albert, whose death occurred recently, as noted on other pages of this history; Isaac Morldonis, who lives in Sullivan County, Missouri; Eliab Smith Vinson, who is also a resident of Sullivan County. The two daughters were Elizabeth, widow of Frank Stoker, and at the age of ninety-three still living at Yuba City, California, and Nancy, who died in Chariton County, Missouri, the wife of Benjamin Pollard.

Elisha J. Vinson was educated in the public schools of Lima and with the exception of five years has spent all his life on the old homestead farm. He has been owner of the land comprising that farm for about fifty years, having bought the interests of the other heirs and having also added fifty acres. In earlier days he was an extensive wheat grower, having a large part of his farm of 175 acres in that crop. In later years he has turned the management of his farm over to his sons.

On January 2, 1861, at the age of twenty-two, Mr. Vinson married Miss Achsah Ormsby, who was a neighbor girl and had come to Adams County at the age of twelve years from Indiana, where she was born. Her parents were Robert and Elizabeth (Cherry) Ormsby. Her father died soon after coming to Adams County, and her mother reached old age. Mrs. Vinson was born December 22, 1842. Mr. and Mrs. Vinson had eleven children, but only three are now living. The oldest is Isaac Morldonis, a widely known citizen and farmer of Lima Township, who married Alice Jacobs and their four children are Bertha, John, Corinne and Vernie. Isaac M. Vinson was born March 26, 1864. The second child, Milly, born November 15, 1866, is the wife of William Fletcher, of Lima, and their four children are Beatrice, James, Bertha and Mabel. Bertha died December 14, 1918, when twenty years of age. The youngest of the family is Smith Vinson, who married Mary Lewis and has one child, Fred. The Vinson home is a quarter of a mile east of Lima, but is included in the village corporation.

JOHN T. INGRAM. Within the past quarter of a century it is doubtful if the services of any lawyer of Adams County have more frequently been called into public responsibilities and duties than those of John T. Ingram. Mr. Ingram is well entitled by abilities and experience to his place of leadership in the Adams County bar.

He was born at Quincy July 11, 1870, a son of John T. and Mary (Rockwell) Ingram, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. John T. Ingram, Sr., came to Quincy about 1867, was a resident of the city thirty years, and at the time of his death in 1898 was one of the city mail carriers. His widow is now living at Los Angeles, California. There were seven children: John T.; Grace, wife of Roy A. Morehead, of Los Angeles; James S., of St. Louis, Missouri; Jessie H., of Los Angeles; Ira S., of Long Beach, Cali-

fornia; William R., of Yuma, Arizona; and Psyche, wife of Albert C. Higgins of Redondo Beach, California.

John T. Inghram is the only member of the family to retain a residence in Adams County. As a boy he attended the local public schools of Quincy, graduated from high school in 1889, and from that entered the University of Michigan Law Department, where he was graduated LL. B. in 1891. Returning to Quincy he at once opened an office and has been practicing law steadily ever since. While handling a large private clientage he served as assistant states attorney from 1900 to 1904, spent four years as a member of the City School Board, and since 1906 has been special attorney for Adams County. From 1915 to 1917 he was also corporation counsel of Quincy, and is now member of the Water Works Commission of the City of Quincy. A high degree of public spirit and a warm interest in everything affecting the welfare of Quincy has pervaded every technical duty he has performed in the interests of the community. Mr. Inghram is a democrat in politics and is now chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Adams County.

February 16, 1898, he married Miss Lillian C. Brown, a native of Quincy and daughter of John H. and Sarah (Norris) Brown. Her father has for many years been a grocery merchant at Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Inghram have one child, John T., born August 15, 1901, and now a student in Dartmouth College. Mr. Inghram has attained the thirty-third and supreme honorary degree in Scottish Rite Masonry, is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**JOSEPH DICKHUT.** A career that meant much to Adams County was that of the late Joseph Dickhut, who was one of a large family of that name identified with agriculture and home making in Adams County from pioneer days. Mr. Joseph Dickhut developed a good farm that is now owned and occupied by Mrs. Dickhut, two miles east of Fowler in Gilmer Township.

Joseph Dickhut was born at Quincy January 7, 1858, a son of Adolph and Augusta Dickhut. The father, John Andrew Adolph Dickhut, was born at Muelhausen, Thuringen, Germany, October 13, 1823, and died February 22, 1899. In his twentieth year he came with his parents to America, arriving at Quincy November 24, 1843. They located in the southern part of Adams County, and on July 25, 1847, Adolph Dickhut married Margaret Maus. She died June 6, 1856. On March 5, 1857, he married Augusta Meuselwitz. Her death occurred September 29, 1885. In March, 1859, Adolph Dickhut and wife located on a farm in Gilmer Township a mile and a half east of Fowler, and that was the scene of his earnest efforts at home making for many years. He was a republican and was active in the Methodist Episcopal Church and helped found the Jersey Street Church of that denomination in Quincy, now known as the Yates and Kentucky Street Church. Still later he was identified with the Fowler Methodist Episcopal Church. Adolph Dickhut acquired 240 acres. He started with very little and had to practically reconstruct all the buildings on the land and redeem much of it from the wilderness. At first he and his family drove to church in an old dilapidated farm wagon. By his first marriage he was the father of the following children: John A., born January 20, 1850; Catherine, who is the only surviving member and is the widow of William Beutel, of Camp Point; Frank, who died at the age of sixty-five on his farm a mile east of Fowler; Matilda, who died at the age of twenty years, the wife of Andrew Howden, son of Captain Howden of Quitman, Missouri. Adolph Dickhut by his second wife had the following children: Joseph; Louise S., who married Isaac S. Woolen and lives at Meadville, Missouri; Amelia, wife of William Reutzell, of Martinsburg, Missouri; Arthur, who died February 8, 1911, married Hannah Stachel; Clara is the wife of William E. O'Neal at Fowler; Alice died at Bloomington, Illinois, the wife of Samuel L. Petrie; Andrew L., who is connected with the Knittel Show Case Company at Quincy and married Ella B.



Long; Clarence A., a farmer in Camp Point Township, married Cora J. Becket; Huldah Gertrude, who is a registered nurse at the Mayo brothers hospital in Rochester, Minnesota.

Joseph Dickhut when one year old was brought by his parents to the farm where he grew up and where his widow still resides. He grew to manhood on that place and at the age of twenty-three, on January 1, 1881, married Miss Ella S. Woollen, of Ellington Township, daughter of James A. Woollen.

James Anthony Woollen, father of Mrs. Dickhut, was born in Dorchester County, Maryland, November 13, 1821. His mother, Eugenia Whiteley was of Quaker ancestry and religion. She died in 1826. In 1828 James A. Woollen's father married Amelia Lane. In the same fall, in company with three brothers-in-law, Isaac and Daniel Whiteley and William Berry, he moved to Wayne County, Indiana, but three years later entered eighty acres, six miles south of Newcastle in Henry County that state. He was identified with the pioneer epoch there, and reared his family in a log cabin. James A. Woollen recalled one incident of his boyhood, the remarkable display of falling stars on November 13, 1833. In October, 1842, James A. Woollen started west by way of Indianapolis, Terre Haute, and Beardstown to Burlington, Iowa. He had only \$2 and had to borrow \$1 to pay his hotel bill of 75 cents. Through some mistake on the part of a hotel clerk he missed the boat down the river to Quincy and walked all the way to Keokuk without passing a single house. That night he spent with a young Mormon couple, paying 15 cents for his lodging. From there he worked his passage on a boat to Quincy, and at the end of the voyage the mate handed him 75 cents. In the meantime his brother Isaac had bought an island, six miles below Quincy, and was operating a wood supply station for the steamboats. James A. Woollen joined his brother, whose home was at Bloomfield, ten miles northeast of Quincy. While there he met his future wife, and he soon went to farming with F. W. Borgoethaus. In the fall of 1844 he visited his parents back in Indiana, driving a buggy to and from that state. On September 7, 1845, he married at Columbus Susie Borgoethaus. He then worked her father's farm and in 1852 his prosperity enabled him to buy for the convenience and comfort of his family a double seated carriage, for which he paid \$255, regarded at that time as almost as great an extravagance as a \$5,000 automobile would be today. In 1892 he bought a farm near Laclede, Missouri, and lived there until his death. Mrs. Dickhut's mother died March 22, 1909.

Mrs. Dickhut was born in Ellington Township January 12, 1861, and was just twenty years of age when she married. At their marriage they bought eighty acres of the old Dickhut homestead, and afterwards acquired from his brother Clarence the old home of 160 acres, thus giving them 280 acres. In 1899 he built the good home that now adorns the place, doing his own carpenter work. In 1908 he had also given a contract for the construction of the substantial barn that is now part of the farm equipment. Mr. Dickhut served as a road commissioner, but was never a seeker for public honor and frequently refused the urgings of his fellow citizens to become a candidate for office. He was a trustee and steward of the Saloma Methodist Episcopal Church.

Joseph Dickhut died April 28, 1918. His death came suddenly, though he had had warnings for some months and frequently expressed his opinion that he would not live beyond sixty. He died at the home of his daughter in Quincy, and had kept busy with some useful employment practically to the last.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dickhut had the following children: Mabel Edna, at home; Alvin James, who now has the active management of the home farm; Inez H., wife of J. W. White, a postoffice employe at Quincy; Elmer Adolph, a farmer in Camp Point Township who married Alma Hyer; Alta Amelia, who completed her education in the Macomb Normal School and for four years has taught in Adams County.

**JOHN THOMAS WYATT.** One of the conspicuous instances of individual enterprise in acquiring a farm and providing for those dependent upon him is that afforded by John T. Wyatt of Honey Creek Township, whose productive and valuable farm is a mile east of Mendon.

Mr. Wyatt was born in Mendon Township a half mile south of the village of that name December 25, 1863, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Cherry) Wyatt. His father was born in Northamptonshire, England, and about 1855 came to the United States. He and his wife married in England and they came at once to Quincy. Her father, William Cherry, had previously located in Mendon Township. Thomas Wyatt came here without means, worked at day's labor for a time, later had a farm of his own three miles north of Mendon, and finally retired to that village where he died when about seventy years of age. His wife died in 1898, aged sixty-five. They had a family of five children: Annie, who died when thirteen years old; William, who lived in Mendon; Sarah, who is unmarried and lives with her brother William; George W., a dentist at Guthrie, Oklahoma; and John T.

John Thomas Wyatt grew up in a home of fair comforts, had such education as the local schools provided, but otherwise had to start life dependent entirely upon his own resources. He is one of the old time farm hands, that class of men who labored from sun to sun, much of the time without the help of any modern implements to lighten the burden of agriculture, and his wages ranged from \$18 to \$20 a month with board and washing. That was the service he rendered between the ages of twenty and twenty-four. For all that he managed to save \$100 every year. In 1894 Mr. Wyatt and his brother William became partners in the purchase of 120 acres of land in Honey Creek Township. The contract price was \$7,000. J. T. Wyatt had about \$800 in cash and a horse, while his brother had \$1,500. For the balance they went in debt and continued seven years as partners. John T. Wyatt then bought out his brother, and again incurred a debt of \$6,000. That sum he has since paid off, and he has also kept the farm up to a high standard of improvement and cultivation. In earlier years he made progress very slowly, but was in a situation to reap the best advantages of the present era of high prices in the agricultural industry. Some years ago Mr. Wyatt sold his hogs at 2½ cents a pound, wheat at 45 cents a bushel, oats at 15 cents a bushel and corn at 17 cents a bushel. Having labored under the disadvantages of the older order, none will gainsay the fact that he is thoroughly deserving of all the prosperity that may come to him in the times in which he is now living.

Mr. Wyatt has the reputation of a very public spirited citizen, has served as school director fourteen years and is still on the board as clerk of the district. He is a republican and a deacon in the Mendon Congregational Church. He is also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America.

October 28, 1894, Mr. Wyatt married Miss Eunice Hoskins, of Mendon Township. Mrs. Wyatt from the age of nine was reared in the home of R. B. Starr. She is a daughter of Benjamin and Clara (Spencer) Hoskins. She was nine years of age when her mother died, leaving four children: Charles Hoskins, of LaGrange, Missouri; John, who died in Missouri at the age of fifty; Drusilla, Mrs. Ed Nelson, of Houston Township, this county; and Eunice. Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt have two sons and one daughter, Thomas R., Willis G. and Pearl Elizabeth. They are all at home and Thomas is a student in high school.

**WILLIAM H. HOBBY.** The name of William H. Hobby serves to recall the experience and deeds of a gallant soldier and old timer of Adams County, whose children and other relatives are still found here, all constituting one of the notable family groups of the county.

William H. Hobby was born in New York City May 6, 1830, and came to Adams County in 1850. He was only two years old when his father died of the cholera. His mother afterwards married Captain John Oliver, and the Oliver



family came to Adams County and located in Mendon Township. Captain Oliver died at the age of seventy-four years, five months, fourteen days, and Mrs. Oliver passed away October 15, 1884, aged seventy-five years, six months.

When William H. Hobby was twelve years old he ran away to sea, became a cabin boy and for eight years had all the varied experiences and hardships of the sailor when such a life had much more of the romance and adventure than now belong to the seafaring vocation. In 1845 he made a whaling voyage through the northern seas and also went through many of the southern seas, visiting the ports of South America and Cuba. During the Civil war he joined the Federal Navy and was in the service about eight months. He was on Commodore D. D. Porter's flagship the Blackhawk, and participated in the Mississippi River campaign at Vicksburg and Arkansas Post.

After the war he returned to Adams County and settled on his farm in Honey Creek Township, in section 3. He continued to be identified with this locality until his death October 6, 1903. William H. Hobby married Martha Odear, who was born in Tennessee April 9, 1837, and died May 15, 1910. Their son Oliver died September 19, 1887, aged twenty-nine years, two months and seven days. Two daughters died young, Susan at the age of twenty-two and Ellen at eighteen. Nancy died November 13, 1918, in St. Louis, Missouri, as Mrs. John H. Shepherd. Hattie is now Mrs. William S. McArthur.

William H. Hobby served as justice of the peace, constable and school director in Honey Creek Township, and was affiliated with the Masonic Order.

Hattie Hobby was married August 12, 1888, to William S. McArthur. Mr. McArthur was born in Hancock County, Illinois, May 13, 1869, and after his marriage he farmed at Lima until the death of Mr. Hobby, when he and his wife took the old homestead farm. Mr. McArthur was a very capable man as a farmer and was always interested in community affairs. He served as a school director. He died July 21, 1913. Since his death Mrs. McArthur has retained the old Hobby homestead, and has rebuilt and remodeled the old home. She has shown the capacity of a real business woman in handling the affairs of the farm and she is also owner of considerable property in the village of Mendon.

Mrs. McArthur has five living children. Her son Rex died at the age of eighteen, while her oldest child, Mae, died January 12, 1918, at the age of twenty-nine, wife of William McKay. The living children are: Elfa, Mrs. James Littleton, of Loraine, this county; Dora, at home; Mack R., who is a locomotive fireman with headquarters at Galesburg, and by his marriage to Grace Rathbun has one son, Mack, Jr.; Goldie and Bessie, both at home, the latter attending school.

HERMAN HOKAMP began making barrels when only sixteen years of age, and has been in the cooperage business continuously at Quincy all his active life. There is no family name that has been longer identified with the cooperage industry than that of Hokamp. His father was at one time regarded the oldest cooper in the city, and that too, had been his lifelong occupation. It was one of the heaviest disappointments he ever had to bear when he gave up active work at his trade at the insistence of his son Herman, who felt that his father at the age of seventy-five had well earned a period of rest and leisure. During his retirement the father was supplied with every comfort, partly by his own savings and also by the devotion of his son.

It is such families as these that supply a service that cannot be dispensed with in the world of affairs, and their contributions to human welfare cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

Casper Hokamp was born in Germany, married there, and learned the trade of cooper. He came to America seeking better opportunities in the new world, and after getting located at Quincy his wife came on, bringing their children. One of these children died at sea and was buried from the ship. Casper Hokamp and wife lived happily together for a great many years, and both were nearly

eighty-five when they died. They were people of the finest qualities of heart and mind, exceedingly industrious, always paying their way, and exemplified the good old fashioned qualities of Christianity. They were active members of St. Jacobi Lutheran Church. No more kindly people ever lived, and they were friends of everyone. Casper Hokamp voted as a republican. Among their children besides Herman is William Hokamp, a resident of Quincy, who has a family of three sons and two daughters. The sisters are Mary and Minnie Hokamp and are still unmarried.

Herman Hokamp was the third of his father's children, and was born in Quincy August 19, 1860. He learned his trade under his father and was associated with him until about twenty-five years of age. At the age of sixteen he made the first barrel made at the old Menke lime kiln, and later made the first barrels for W. D. Meyers. He was also employed by the O. Lambert cooperage firm. Another associate at different times was Mr. Stilley. When Mr. Stilley died Casper and Herman Hokamp continued the work of the shop for some years, and then Herman and Charles Ertel took over the Stilley business. Four years later this plant was burned, this disaster befalling them on August 19, 1885, when Herman Hokamp was twenty-five years old. Through the kindness of friends and a small insurance they rebuilt the plant, and continued it together for some years. They also established as a side line a grocery store at the corner of Washington and Ninth streets, and three years later Mr. Hokamp bought out his partner, Mr. Ertel. Later he took in as partner Mr. John Gainer and they bought the Bartel plant at 908-910 Madison Street. This is where the business is located at the present time, and they have a thoroughly modern cooperage plant on a lot 80 by 220 feet. Formerly there were a number of cooperage firms in Quincy, but now practically all that line of business is transacted through Mr. Hokamp's enterprise. Mr. Hokamp also conducted a grocery business at 927 State Street until July, 1918, when he sold out. The cooperage business now has an output of 300 barrels per day, and they employ about ten expert workmen. The chief output is apple barrels and poultry containers, and there is a steady demand for all they can make in the states of Missouri and Illinois.

Mr. Herman Hokamp married at Quincy Miss Minnie Golm, who was born and reared and educated here. Her parents came from Germany and died in this city in advanced years. Mr. and Mrs. Hokamp have an interesting family of children. Esther A. is a graduate of Knox College at Galesburg and is now one of the instructors in the Quincy High School. Dorothy is a graduate of the Quincy High School and Gem City Business College and is now attending Knox College. Delia, who graduated from the Quincy High School with the class of 1919, and Herman J., aged fourteen, a student in the grammar school, are the younger members of the household. The family attend the Washington Evangelical Lutheran Church.

JOSEPH W. NICHOLSON. In the changing developments of six or seven decades in Ursa Township one of the families that have contributed most to these improvements are the Nicholsons. The Nicholson home from a time almost beyond memory of the oldest inhabitant has been in section 20 of Ursa Township, nine and a half miles northeast of Quincy.

It was on that farm that Joseph W. Nicholson was born December 6, 1849, nearly seventy years ago. At one time there was a blacksmith shop on the land operated by his grandfather, William Nicholson, whom Joseph W. Nicholson remembers as an old man. The parents of Joseph W. Nicholson were John and Hester (Orr) Nicholson. His father was born at Falmouth, Kentucky, August 27, 1811, and was brought by his parents to Adams County. At that time Quincy contained only a few buildings. John Nicholson was long a prosperous farmer in section 20 of Ursa Township, and died there March 3, 1890, at the age of seventy-nine. His wife, Hester R., was born in Indiana December 27,





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1823, and died June 16, 1884. Their descendants, both children and grandchildren, are still living in Adams County. Theresa, their oldest child, born in 1847, is the widow of Francis Roan, and is living at Quincy with a daughter. The second in age is Joseph W. John, born in 1851, married Seralda Nicholson, and is now a resident of Mendon, having no children living. Saville, born in 1853, died in infancy. Susan, born in 1855, married Napoleon Orr and she died in 1894. Lafayette, born in 1857, married Emerine Long, a resident of Quincy. Olive B., born in 1859, is the widow of Henry Morris, who died in 1917. George, born in 1861, lives in Quincy and has been twice married. Kate, born in 1864, was the wife of William Mitchell and died in 1892. Hester E., born in 1866, married William Darnell, of Quincy.

Joseph W. Nicholson has been the member of the family who has practically always kept his interests at the old homestead. His farm consists of 160 acres, all of which his father once owned. For a number of years it was one of the principal centers of fruit production in Adams County. At one time there was a pear orchard of twenty-five acres, and altogether more than 100 acres were planted in fruit. The fruit business was highly profitable in its day, and Mr. Nicholson ranked as one of the foremost horticulturists of Western Illinois. Within recent years the orchards have been destroyed, their vitality and usefulness having been exhausted, and now practically all the land is devoted to general farming. Mr. Nicholson has lived in three houses, two of which were destroyed by fire, and his present good country home was erected in 1888. His barn was built in 1870.

Mr. Nicholson has not neglected the public welfare and has responded to those calls made upon his services by the community. For several years he was school trustee, is a democrat in politics, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church of Ursa.

August 26, 1880, Mr. Nicholson married Miss Idealia King. Mrs. Nicholson is member of an old and prominent Adams County family. She was born October 2, 1863, a daughter of William L. and Eliza (Gallamore) King. The career of her father deserves special mention here. William L. King was born in Pulaski County, Kentucky, April 11, 1811, and arrived in Quincy in March, 1830. He was then nineteen years of age, and had nothing but his health and willingness to work as capital. For twenty-three years he was a resident of Quincy, and for the first seven years of that time he worked out at monthly wages. It was the strictest economy and splendid native intelligence that enabled him to get an independent start. He built a small flour mill, which he conducted for a time, and is credited with having made the first barrel of flour that ever passed inspection in the county. He also built and operated several distilleries in the county. The last twenty-five years of his life were spent as a farmer in section 19 of Ursa Township. He there expended much money as well as time and patience in developing a beautiful estate. He had 240 acres of land and also owned much property in Quincy, and was rated as one of the county's wealthy citizens. He died November 14, 1879. His old farm is now known as the Henry Cram farm, a mile and a half south of Ursa, and most of its improvements were erected during the time of Mr. King. Mr. King also about 1872 built the King Block at Hampshire and Fifth streets in Quincy, a property that is now owned by Mrs. Nicholson. William King married for his first wife Miss Salina Edgerton, of Connecticut. She was the mother of four children. For his second wife Mr. King married in March, 1846, Eliza Gallamore, who became the mother of eleven children, only two of whom reached maturity, Idealia and William. William King died April 6, 1918. Mrs. Nicholson's mother was born in North Carolina February 14, 1820, and died February 15, 1879.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson became the parents of five children. Una Opal, born August 27, 1881, was married October 15, 1903, to Vernon Inman, and they now live in Portland, Oregon, and have three children. Jessie E., born August

13, 1883, was married November 12, 1902, to Elmer Daugherty, who for the past eight years has been the active manager of the Nicholson farm. Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty have four children, Fern V., Russell E., Helen Idealia and Eva Ruth. Fay King Nicholson, born August 5, 1895, is the wife of Mr. Harold Grimes, an Ursa Township farmer, and has one child, Leroy. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson lost two of their children young.

Mr. Nicholson's grandfather, it should be recalled, was a volunteer soldier in the Blackhawk Indian war and also served in the campaign against the Mormons at Nauvoo in 1846.

GEORGE D. ROTH. Coming to Quincy in 1890, from that time forward George D. Roth made himself known in an ever increasing circle of friends and associates as a man of great business energy, of complete integrity, and his success in life was only a due reward for all that he had achieved therein and the service he had rendered.

Mr. Roth was born in Warsaw, Illinois, March 9, 1870, and died at his home 401 South 12th Street in Quincy October 27, 1918, at the age of forty-eight. His parents were Henry P. and Maria (Luedde) Roth, both natives of Illinois and of German ancestry. They were married in Warsaw, Illinois, and his father was a grocery merchant there for some years, dying in 1876, at the age of thirty-six. He had served as a soldier in the Union army, was a republican, and he and his wife are both members of the Lutheran Church. His widow survived him and passed away in 1902, when about sixty years of age. They had four children. One, Frank, died in infancy. Two are still living. Ella is the wife of Frank E. Cook, of Warsaw, Illinois. Harry W. is employed in the government arsenal at St. Louis. He married Margaret Schwabe of St. Louis.

George D. Roth grew up in Warsaw, attended the grammar and high schools there, and came to Quincy in 1890 to enroll as a student in the Gem City Business College. After his course of training there he found employment as bill clerk with the J. B. Schott Saddlery Company. Later he was bookkeeper for Risto and Fick on the west side of the Square, and later for the Quincy Showcase Works. All that was valuable experience, but the real opening of his business career came when he entered the service of the Wabash Coal Company. For a number of years he was in that company's office and during that time acquired such a comprehensive knowledge of the business that upon the death of Will C. Fick he became a member of the firm Fick Coal Company, associated with John Fick. He was secretary and treasurer and office manager and much of the success of that firm was due to his apparently infallible knowledge of the coal business, and his characteristic industry and faithfulness in handling the company's affairs. For nearly six years after he first became aware of his serious condition of health he protracted his life and usefulness by careful living, but none the less his death was regarded as a distinct loss to the business and citizenship of Quincy.

He was well known fraternally, being affiliated with Lambert Lodge No. 659, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Quincy Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Quincy Commandery, Knights Templar, Quincy Consistory of the Scottish Rite, and the Mystic Shrine at East St. Louis. He was a faithful member and a trustee of the Kentucky Street Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he was a republican.

For nearly twenty years Mr. Roth made his home at Quincy with Rudolph Wilms. During that time a relationship developed between the two men which was unsurpassed in affection and friendship by the closer ties of blood and kinship. June 29, 1910, Mr. Roth married Miss Clara Sprick, of Fontanelle, Nebraska. They had first met and become acquainted in Quincy. Clara Catherine Sprick was born at Fontanelle, Nebraska, February 23, 1882, received part of her schooling in her native county, also attended school in Kansas, and was well educated. She is a woman of distinctive culture and refine-



ment, and she and her two children are still living at the Roth home on South Twelfth Street. Mrs. Roth is a daughter of Henry and Sophia (Wilkenning) Sprick. Both were natives of Germany but were married in Quincy in 1858. Henry Sprick was one of the first pioneer settlers of Nebraska, going there in 1855, about the time Nebraska was first proposed for settlement as a result of the discussion in Congress over the Kansas-Nebraska Bill. Henry Sprick became a man of affairs in Nebraska, served as a representative and state senator, and was a republican elector in the Blaine campaign of 1884. More details concerning the Sprick family history will be found on other pages of this publication under the name Henry C. Sprick, the well known banker of Quincy.

Mrs. Roth's two children are: George Alan, born December 4, 1911, now in the second grade of the Webster school; and Margaret Helen, born December 29, 1914.

EDWARD B. MOLLER is one of Quincy's younger business men, is a lively and enterprising citizen, and is well known in the city both for his own achievements and for the prestige associated with the family name.

He was born here August 28, 1883, a son of the late Henry H. Moller, elsewhere referred to in this publication. Edward Moller attended the parochial schools, the St. Francis College, and the Gem City Business College, after which he began his active business experience, and since July 15, 1901, has been a member of the firm.

November 22, 1905, he married Augusta C. Schmitt. They had three children: Florence A., born April 18, 1909, and died September 24, 1909; Mary Lucile, born December 3, 1912; and Edward B. Jr., born May 4, 1917, and died June 24, 1917. Mr. Moller is independent in politics and he and his family are members of the Catholic Church.

JOHN F. DICKERMAN. Several generations of the Dickerman family have played their part and played it well in Mendon Township. The founder of the family here was Ira R. Dickerman, who was born in New Haven, Connecticut, August 7, 1814. On August 17, 1838, he married Miss Laura Smith, who was born at Chardon, Geauga County, Ohio, May 28, 1819, the oldest of twelve children. Ira Dickerman and wife arrived at Mendon November 5, 1839, and traversed the entire distance from Ohio by overland conveyance. Both possessed the real pioneer spirit (hard working and industrious, and in course of time had their homestead of 140 acres highly cultivated, with an orchard of fruit and capable of producing a good living. Their home was in section 1 of the township, a mile and a half north of Mendon, and Ira Dickerman and wife spent their last days in the Village of Mendon, where they died. They had three sons, and at their death they were survived by seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Their three sons were named DeLanie, DeWitt and Franklin. DeLanie Dickerman served as a Union soldier in Company D of the One Hundred and Fifty-Fifth Illinois Infantry. He was also a teacher, and later engaged in the hardware and general merchandise business at Mendon with C. B. Garrett. Out of his prosperity he bought a section of land in Chariton County, Missouri, and was one of a rather numerous colony from this section of Illinois that settled in that county, and the Town of Mendon, Missouri, was named because of the place of origin of so many of the first settlers there.

DeLanie Dickerman usually spent a part of each year for twenty years on his Missouri farm. He served as justice of the peace, notary public, and was entrusted with the settlement of many estates. At the time of his death he was president of the Village of Mendon. For twenty-five years he was active in Sunday school work and for nearly fifty years sang in the choir of the Congregational Church. In 1864 he married Estella Van Valkenburg, who died in 1918. Franklin Dickerman married Julia Smith, and was a farmer north of Mendon, but finally retired in the Village of Mendon and for many years was a well

known auctioneer. He died at Mendon and his widow is still living in that village.

DeWitt Dickerman was born May 1, 1841, on a farm two miles northwest of Mendon and on December 24, 1863, married Margaret L. McCormick, a daughter of John McCormick. She was born at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and was sixteen years of age when her family came to Adams County. Mrs. DeWitt Dickerman is still living, at the age of seventy-five, and occupies the old home in Mendon. In 1864 DeWitt Dickerman moved to a farm of sixty acres, and made such good use of his opportunities that he eventually owned 305 acres. In 1905 he retired from the farm into Mendon, and died there June 21, 1913. He served as a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was active in the Lodge and Chapter of Masons and the Eastern Star. He was a republican in politics, as were his father and brothers. His children were: Laura E., wife of Fred Ralph, of Mendon, Missouri; John F.; Nellie May, wife of C. A. Nutt, a farmer of Mendon Township; Joel M., who lives in Mendon and is a mail carrier on rural route No. 3 out of Mendon.

John F. Dickerman was born at the old homestead January 14, 1870, and practically all his life has been spent on the home farm. In 1902 he took the management of the farm in partnership with his father, and after the latter's death he inherited 140 acres constituting the original homestead and has since acquired other land to give him a place of 258 acres, sufficient in size and equipped with ample facilities for his business as a stockman and general farmer. The old home was built here in 1873, when he was a boy three years old, and the main barn was erected in 1875. He has done much to improve and keep up all the buildings and has added much to the equipment. He handles cattle and hogs, and all the grain and other crops produced on his land are fed on the place.

February 3, 1902, Mr. Dickerman married Sarah Mealiff, who was reared in the same locality of Adams County. She died in 1905, leaving one daughter, Ada. February 21, 1906, Mr. Dickerman married Grace Mealiff, a relative of his first wife and daughter of William Mealiff. To this marriage have been born Arthur and William. Mr. Dickerman is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and his wife of the Episcopal Church. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**JESSE E. WEEMS.** Identified prominently for many years with railroad affairs and railroad building, Jesse E. Weems, one of Quincy's most highly considered citizens, is still active in business here although in another direction, being interested with his two sons in the Quincy Pure Ice and Cold Storage Company, of which he is manager. There are many men in Adams County of Mr. Weems' years who can tell of wonderful changes having been made during their lifetime in this and other sections of the country, but it has not been the privilege of all to so prominently take part in substantial developments and to sustain business relations for so long and continuous a period.

Jesse E. Weems has never followed an agricultural life, but he was born on a farm August 21, 1831, his parents, Jesse E. and Nancy (Otis) Weems, living at that time in Virginia. His grandfather, Rev. Mason Lock Weems, was pastor of the church at Mount Vernon of which General Washington was a member. Dr. Weems was a writer of note and a biographer of General Washington, who was also his personal friend.

When Jesse E. Weems was eighteen years old he left the home farm and went to Washington City in order to study civil engineering. Later he was attached to the boundary line commission which located the division line between the United States and Mexico and in this work of national importance the young engineer was first tested. In 1853 he came to Illinois and located at Augusta in Hancock County, engaging in railroad work in the construction of what was called the middle division, between Camp Point and Macomb, of the Northern



Cross Railroad. In 1859 he was the engineer in the building of the Quincy & Palmyra between West Quincy and Palmyra, which was subsequently bought by the officials of the Wabash system and became a part of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railway.

Mr. Weems then served Hancock County two years in the office of county surveyor, but his railroad building was not yet over, for afterward he was the engineer in charge of the construction of the Illinois & Southern Iowa Railway from Clayton to Keokuk, which was later consolidated with the Wabash. He continued his connection with the railroad affairs until 1893, resigning then and moving to Texas. There he became interested in the manufacture of ice and in 1894 returned to Illinois and since then has been connected with this business at Quincy and has the management of the Pure Ice and Cold Storage Company of Quincy. The original plant, with dimensions of 30x100 feet, was built for cold storage in 1894 but the business has grown to such large proportions that the present quarters, a six-story building 11x400 feet in dimensions, are none too large, for the company not only supplies local consumers but ships to other points. It has become one of the most prosperous industries of Quincy.

Jesse E. Weems has been twice married, first to Miss Louisa Kimball, who at her death left two sons, Milton K., who is president of the Weems Laundry Company of Quincy and Springfield, and treasurer of the Pure Ice Company, of Quincy; and Frank H., who is president of the Pure Ice Company and secretary and treasurer of the Weems Laundry Company. Mr. Weems was married second to Mrs. Brawner, widow of James Brawner. Their comfortable residence stands on Hampshire Street, Quincy. Mr. Weems is a republican in his political views and fraternally was made a Mason in 1854 and has been identified with this organization since early manhood. He is a member of the Congregational Church. No history of this part of Illinois would be complete without extended mention of the men who have been history builders here, and to this class belongs Jesse E. Weems.

OSCAR SCHMELZLE. Opportunities are always open to the thrifty and hard working young man trained to practical farming, and the years inevitably bring independence and prosperity to such a man. A case in point is that of Oscar Schmelzle, who began his career with merely the labor of his own hands and the savings from his industry, and is now proprietor of one of the fine farm homes of Gilmer Township. His place is thirteen miles east of Quincy.

Mr. Schmelzle was born in Baden, Germany, May 20, 1870. His parents were John and Amelia Schmelzle. His father served as a soldier of the German Empire in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71 and in 1878 brought his family to the United States, taking a steamship from Havre to New York City. The family were eleven or twelve days in crossing the ocean, and from New York they came direct to Quincy, where they had acquaintances. John Schmelzle had been a farmer in Germany, and in order to get a start in the new world he worked at day wages in a lumber yard at Quincy. Five years later he moved to a rented farm in Burton Township ten miles east of Quincy, and later bought 140 acres three-quarters of a mile from Burton Bridge on Mill Creek. In that locality he remained long enough to enjoy the fruits of his well directed farm enterprise, constructed new buildings, and otherwise improved the land, and when he sold it he retired to Quincy with a competency. He is now living among his children. He is a Catholic in religion. In his family were the following children: Oscar; Gus, of Melrose Township; Emil, of Quincy; Catherine, wife of William Weelman, of Gilmer Township; Anna, wife of Lewis Steekeman, now a hotel proprietor at Colfax, California; and Joseph, who lives near Quincy.

Oscar Schmelzle lived at home until he was past twenty-one and nearly all of his experiences up to that time were farming. As a farm laborer he was in the employ of Sam Hastings three years, for Press Stump two years, and

Samuel Thompson two years. The quality of work he performed for these men gave him a good reputation and this credit was a big asset when he started life as a married man.

February 16, 1898, he married Miss Lena Dietrich, daughter of Nicholas and Mary Dietrich of Melrose Township. Nicholas Dietrich was born in Germany seventy-five years ago, and at the age of six years accompanied his parents, Jacob and Elizabeth Dietrich, about 1849, to America. His parents settled where Nicholas now lives on the State Road, 6½ miles east of Quincy in Melrose Township. Nicholas Dietrich has always lived in that vicinity and is one of the prosperous farmers there. At the age of twenty-seven he married Mary Zanger, who was then seventeen years of age. Nicholas and Mary Dietrich have eight children, four sons and four daughters: Jacob, of Melrose Township; Frances, wife of John Ehrhart, of Melrose Township; Lena, Mrs. Schmelzle; Carrie, wife of Lawrence Wellman, of Palmyra, Missouri; William, of Melrose Township; Catherine, wife of Al Wolf of Melrose; Rome, of Burton Township; and Alois, who is unmarried and lives on the old farm.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Schmelzle rented the Booth farm in Gilmer Township for fifteen years. In the meantime they bought their present place of eighty acres, have owned it fourteen years, but moved to it as their permanent home only five years ago. This farm was the old Jacob Murphy place, and Mr. and Mrs. Schmelzle bought it at forty dollars an acre. They have since added other land until they now have a complete and well balanced farm of 120 acres, and practically all its improvements have been made by Mr. Schmelzle. He has a good house, barns and other buildings, representing an investment of fully \$6,000, and these various facilities have been added not only with a view to working the land to the best advantage, but also for the purpose of affording an attractive and comfortable home. The farm is one of the outstanding features in the landscape, the buildings standing on a fine ridge, and the barn is visible for miles around. Mr. Schmelzle is a successful general farmer, handling the usual grain crops, and feeding a large drove of Poland China hogs every years. He and his family are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and he assisted liberally in building the present church. Mr. and Mrs. Schmelzle have three sons and one daughter, all at home, named Raymond, Clarence, Laura and Alvin.

DUDLEY H. MYERS. Several localities in as many different townships of Adams County learned to appreciate the good citizenship and sterling qualities of the Myers family. The branch of this family represented by Mr. Dudley H. Myers, who is proprietor of one of the best rural homes in Honey Creek Township, 2½ miles northeast of Mendon, was founded in Adams County by his grandfather, Henry Myers.

Henry Myers was born June 25, 1802, and died in 1869. He married Anna Tinsman, who was born May 31, 1811, and died at the age of eighty-eight. They were married January 3, 1828, and came to Western Illinois about 1851. Other pages of this publication contain a more complete record of the family in its different branches.

Among the sons of Henry Myers was Cyrus C. Myers, who was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and came to Adams County at the age of twelve years. When he was twenty-two he married Sarah L. Dudley, who was at that time twenty. They then settled on a farm near Mendon and in 1882 moved into Honey Creek Township and bought the 225 acres now owned and occupied by their son Dudley. Cyrus C. Myers died on this old homestead at the age of fifty-six. His widow is still living, a resident of Mendon. His career was a comparatively brief but a successful one, and his prosperity was the result of good farming methods and much enterprise as a stock feeder. He held the township office of supervisor two terms and in politics was a republican, though practically all his brothers were democrats. He was also an active



member of the Congregational Church at Mendon. Cyrus C. Myers and wife had eight children, seven of whom survived infancy: Abbie, wife of Samuel Talcott, of Honey Creek Township; Myrta, who married J. B. Frisbie, of Mendon; Dudley H.; Fred C., who is a general merchant at Conway Springs, Kansas; Irving A., a physician practicing at Cottage Grove, Wisconsin; Homer S., who died at the age of twenty years; and Walter M., a mining engineer in British Columbia.

Dudley H. Myers was born on his father's old home place in Mendon Township, three miles from his present home, May 31, 1867. When he was fourteen years old his parents came to the land whose cultivation has been the principal object of his energetic labors for a number of years. At the age of twenty-six Mr. Myers married Cora J. Noyes, of Mendon, daughter of Chauncey Noyes. Mrs. Myers when a child of three months lost her father, who in the meantime had become a farmer in Kansas. Her widowed mother, Mary J. Fowler Noyes, then returned to Mendon Township, where her daughter grew to womanhood and was married at the age of twenty-four. For the first fifteen years of their married life Mr. and Mrs. Myers lived on a farm adjoining their present home, and in 1908 occupied the old Myers homestead. Mr. Myers bought this place from his mother, and he also owns his former home, giving him 366 acres, which he operates as a single farm. It is not only one of the larger farms but one of those distinguished by its improvements and the efficient way in which every department is handled. Mr. Myers knows the farming game by lifelong experience and has never hesitated to avail himself of modern methods when he was convinced that such methods were an improvement over old ones. He is a thoroughly successful and enthusiastic son of the soil. He is endeavoring to manage his farm resources in a manner to meet the demands made upon them by the Government in its present crisis, and is staunchly allied with the war spirit which is moving American farmers to almost superhuman efforts. Mr. Myers on his homestead has a group of old and substantial buildings, the house having been erected fully forty years ago, and he has kept all of them in a thorough state of repair. As a stockman he breeds Shorthorn and Polled Durham cattle, from fifty to seventy-five head, and also has a large number of big type Poland China hogs. He is not a willing office holder, but for the past ten or twelve years has been accorded the responsibilities of justice of the peace. He is a republican. He is also president of the Farm Bureau of Adams County, and through that is closely co-operating with state and federal organizations. He has also been president of the Mendon Township District High School Board since it was organized and this board is now erecting a model high school building at Mendon. He and his wife and family are members of the Congregational Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers have the following children: Chauncey C., operating one of his father's farms, married Aletha Nutt, and has two children, Vera and Arthur D. Harold N., who is the family representative in the war, being in the radio department of the United States Navy; Kenneth H. who is a graduate of high school, as are all the four older children, since September, 1918, has been a member of the Student Army Training Corps of Illinois University; Marjorie D., who is now a student in Oberlin College in Ohio; and Wilfred S., a high school student at Mendon.

ROBERT MONTGOMERY has been a resident of Quincy since the close of the Civil war. Though eighty-eight years of age, he still seems as young as many men twenty-five years his junior, and his life though identified with many important business affairs has exemplified that simplicity of living and physical sturdiness which promote old age and honor among men.

Mr. Montgomery was born at Philadelphia October 12, 1830, and is of Scotch-Irish ancestry. In the latter years of the eighteenth century his great-grandfather, William Montgomery, Sr., brought his family to the United States

and landed at Boston, where he died. William Montgomery, Jr., was born in Londonderry, Ireland, and was about six years old when he left the family seat. He was reared in Boston, and married there Elizabeth Mitchell. They then moved to Philadelphia, where she died, her only son, Henry, afterwards going to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. William Montgomery, Jr., married for his second wife at Philadelphia Amelia Mosier, a native of that city. She was born January 29, 1778, and died in Philadelphia October 25, 1829. William Montgomery, Jr., died January 22, 1824, at the age of fifty-six. Both were Scotch Presbyterians in religion.

Robert Montgomery, Sr., father of the Quincy business man, was born at Philadelphia June 17, 1808, and died in that city of pneumonia December 29, 1846. For a number of years he was a teller in the Mechanics Bank of Philadelphia, and later an exchange broker. In 1830 he married at Philadelphia Miss Sarah Pierce. She was born near that city in May, 1807, of English ancestry, a granddaughter of Samuel Pierce, Sr., and daughter of Samuel Pierce, Jr. Her father was a native of New Jersey and a prominent farmer and owner of a splendid property in that state. Mrs. Sarah Montgomery in 1867 came west to join her son at Quincy and died there in 1879. Her husband was a Presbyterian, while she was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Robert Montgomery was the oldest of his father's family. His only living sister is Mrs. Rebecca Wood, who has been a resident of Quincy since 1863, and is the mother of Howard and Ernest Wood, both well known Quincy men.

The early life of Robert Montgomery was spent in Philadelphia, where he completed the course of the public schools. For about five years he worked in a general merchandise store in New Jersey. In February, 1852, he came west and located at St. Louis, and six years later moved to Palmyra, Missouri, where for a year or two he was clerk in a drug house. He then located in business at Selbina, Missouri, and in 1862 by appointment from President Lincoln became postmaster of that Missouri city.

It was January 1, 1865, that Mr. Montgomery began his residence at Quincy. With Mr. Ferdinand Flack he engaged in the drug business. About that time he sold his Missouri property for \$9,000 and soon afterward bought the interest of his partner in Quincy. He had other associates, including Charles Kies. In 1873 he sold his interests in the firm to Aldo Summers, and in September of the same year bought an interest and became a partner with Hiram Rogers. Mr. Rogers died soon afterward and his interests were acquired by Mr. Montgomery December 20, 1881. In 1892 Mr. Montgomery returned to New Jersey, and became administrator for his uncle's extensive property there, devoting a part of his attention to it until 1902. Some years ago his son James was appointed postmaster of Quincy under Cleveland and Mr. Montgomery filled the office of chief of the money order department six years. Since then he has lived retired at his home at 2303 Maine Street.

At St. Louis Mr. Montgomery married Elizabeth Wichert, a native of Ohio, but reared in St. Louis. Her father, Dr. James Wichert, was a prominent physician of that city. Mrs. Montgomery died at her country home Thanksgiving Day, 1904, after they had been happily married for forty years. She was the mother of four children: Robert Montgomery, Jr., who died in 1901, left four sons and one daughter. Three of these sons are now in the service of their country, one being an ensign at Annapolis, another a yeoman at the Great Lakes training station, and still another a sergeant quartermaster at San Antonio, Texas. James Montgomery, the second son, who died in March, 1916, married Miss Emma Cox, who is living in St. Louis, and of her family two sons, Frank and James, are soldiers. Thus Mr. Montgomery has six grandchildren representing the family in the present great war. The only living son of Mr. Montgomery is Dr. Edmund B. Montgomery, who graduated in 1879 from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, and for many years has successfully practiced medicine at Quincy. Doctor Montgomery married Emma



Cox, and their son Hosmer is now in the medical corps in France. Doctor Montgomery and wife also have three daughters: Amelia, Ella and Elizabeth.

Robert Montgomery for his present wife married Mrs. Catherine (Murray) Rogers, widow of William T. Rogers. She was born in Salem, Ohio, and was educated there. Her father, Capt. Gilbert Murray, was an officer in an Ohio regiment in the Civil war and was killed in battle. By her first marriage Mrs. Montgomery had six children. Mr. Montgomery is a Unitarian and for sixteen years served as treasurer of his church. His wife is a Baptist. In politics he is an independent democrat.

**SAMUEL TALLCOTT.** One of the oldest and best known families of Honey Creek Township are the Tallcotts, whose homes and worthy activities have been centered there since pioneer days. The permanance and stability of the family is interestingly reflected in the fact that the house which now furnishes the home to Samuel Tallcott and family is the same one in which he was born May 1, 1857. This farm is two miles east of the Village of Mendon.

His parents were Chester and Harriet (Stringham) Tallcott. Chester Tallcott was born at Glastonbury, Connecticut, in 1810, and during his youth learned the trades of bricklaying and plastering. He came to Illinois in 1831, and at Jacksonville worked with a brother who was in the contracting business there. In the same year, during a prospecting tour, he bought his first tract of land in Adams County. He was attracted to this section of Illinois largely by the presence of other Connecticut people here. His first purchase of land was on the edge of the prairie in Honey Creek Township. He continued to work at Jacksonville for some months and in 1832 rode a horse back to Connecticut, being accompanied by Richard Starr's father and Henry Fowler. He sold his horse in Connecticut and bought a team, and that team drew the wagon in which he and his young bride rode out to Western Illinois. His wife, whom he married in Connecticut, was Mary Hale. He lived at Jacksonville and followed his trade until 1834, and then settled on his land. With his mechanical skill he constructed a large barn and house on his place. Money was exceedingly scarce in those days, and it is said that he paid out only 50 cents in currency. The large frame house with its brick lining, built more than eighty years ago, is still standing. At that time there was not another house between his place and Mendon. His first wife died there about three years later. In the meantime her sister, Elizabeth Hale, had come west, and she was the second wife of Chester Tallcott. She died during a cholera epidemic and one of her daughters and one son by Mr. Tallcott's first marriage were stricken with the same disease. The other son, Asa, grew to maturity, served as a Union soldier in the Civil war, spent a number of years in Kansas and at the age of seventy-six retired to Mendon. A daughter, Anna, married Horace Hulburd, and lived in Iowa, where she died.

In the fall of 1855 Chester Tallcott sold his original farm and came to the location where his son Samuel now resides. This land he had also acquired in the year 1831, and in 1855 he undertook to build and improve the place. For a time he lived in a cabin, but in 1856 erected the substantial brick house in which Samuel Tallcott was born and where he still lives. The brick for this building was made in a yard two miles south, and most of them were hauled to the building site by Chester Tallcott's oldest son, Asa. At that time it was one of the largest homes in this part of the county. After 1855 Chester Tallcott lived on this farm, supervised its cultivation, but also employed himself at his trade. He died there in 1871, at the age of sixty-one. For his third wife he married Harriet Stringham, who survived him many years and passed away January 1, 1901. Her children were: Mary, who married Wesley Clair, and died at the age of forty; Julia M., who married Amos Scranton and moved to Chariton County, Missouri, where she died; Ella, who is unmarried and lives at the old homestead; William, who spent thirty-five years at Mendon,

Missouri; Samuel; Elma, who died in infancy; and Albert, who died when about thirty years old.

Samuel Tallcott has spent all his life since birth on the farm above described, excepting for six months in 1881-82 when he traveled and sojourned on the Pacific Coast. His energies have been successfully devoted to general farming. He handles high grade Red Polled cattle, Percheron horses and Poland China hogs, and keeps good utility stock and gets most of his profits from cattle and hogs sold from his farm. He is one of the modern and progressive farmers of Adams County who have a silo as part of their farm equipment. Mr. Tallcott's father was school director for many years, road commissioner, and an independent republican in politics, and his son Samuel has played almost a similar part, serving on the school board, twice was assessor of the township, and the fact that he was a republican in a democratic township is sufficient testimony to the adequacy and satisfactoriness of his public service. Whenever a candidate he made no special effort to secure his election, and he once refused the nomination for supervisor. The Tallcotts have long been identified with the Congregational Church at Mendon.

December 24, 1885, Mr. Tallcott married Miss Abbie Myers, who at the time of her marriage was twenty-two years of age. She is a daughter of Cyrus and Sarah (Dudley) Myers, of a well known family elsewhere referred to in this publication. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Tallcott are given brief record as follows: Fred, who was kicked by a horse and died at the age of twenty; Cora, Mrs. Albert Evans, of Mendon Township; Julia, Mrs. Edward Mealiff, of Mendon Township; Charles, who married Pearl Rowbotham and lives at Mendon in Chariton County, Missouri; Chester, at home; Arthur, who is in the United States Army, assigned to the division of motor mechanics and now in England in the service; Walter, at home; Sarah, who died in childhood; and Elizabeth, at home.

FREDERICK RUPP. One of the most interesting stories told on other pages of this publication is that which deals with the growth and development of Rupp Brothers & Company, iron and steel merchants. One of the factors in that history was the late Frederick Rupp. He started out poor, as do most iron and junk dealers, driving a horse and small wagon throughout the country and gathering up commodities that in wasteful American fashion are thrown away, and he kept at the business until with his brother and others saw a great plant established, and he was personally rated as one of Quincy's very successful and prosperous citizens. The history of the business is told elsewhere, but here should be noted some details of his personal career.

Frederick Rupp was born in Hesse Nassau, Germany, October 19, 1848, and died in Quincy August 18, 1917. He came with other members of the family in 1867, by sailing vessel, and from New York came westward to Quincy. Here he entered business with his brother George, and gave it his complete time and energies practically until his death.

The late Mr. Rupp was an esteemed member of St. Francis Catholic Church, and in politics was a democrat. In 1883, at Quincy, he married Miss Theresa Hoene. Mrs. Rupp, who survives her honored husband and resides at 502 North Twelfth Street, was born at Quincy in June, 1863, and was reared and educated here in the public schools. Her parents were H. Frank and Mary (Laacke) Hoene. Her mother was a native of Quincy, while her father was born in Germany and came as a young man to the United States and was married in Quincy. For a number of years he was connected with the Ricker Bank and later engaged in the mining business, but lost his property in that venture. He spent his last years at Warrior Station, Alabama, and died September 1, 1910, at the age of sixty-seven, and his widow passed away at the same place.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupp had nine children: Rose E., who is a well educated young woman and still at home; Carl G. and Fred B., both of whose names appear on





*Frederick Ruppel*





the Quincy honor roll of soldiers now serving the cause of democracy in France; Theresa M., who is a member of the Order of St. Francis; Margaret L., wife of Henry Frank Druffel, who is also a soldier in France, and during his absence his wife lives with her mother and has one son, Eugene H.; Edith A., William F. (a graduate of the Gem City Business College), Bertha M. and Julius C., all at home. The family are members of St. Francis Catholic Church.

JOHN C. YEARGAIN is a prominent and successful stock breeder and farmer in Honey Creek Township. His farm, two miles northeast of Fowler, is widely known among stockmen, especially those interested in the highest type of the Shorthorn cattle. Mr. Yeargain is proprietor of one of the largest individual farms in the county, and is member of an old and notable family.

The Yeargains were real pioneers in Gilmer Township, where John Yeargain and wife settled in the fall of 1831. John Yeargain was not only among the first to clear away the woods and erect his log cabin home, but from the first carried the torch of religion and saw to it that religious service was not neglected among the pioneers. His house was the place of preaching and the scene of the organization of the First Methodist Church in Gilmer Township. John Yeargain was born in Virginia and in March, 1815, moved to Jefferson County, Kentucky, near Louisville and later lived in Shelby County, Kentucky, until he came to Adams County. He married Elizabeth Bain. John Yeargain died November 30, 1845, and his wife April 1, 1855. They had four sons, William T., who was born in Kentucky in 1815, John P., Milton M., born June 3, 1828, and Edward A. William T. Yeargain came into possession of the old Yeargain homestead in Gilmer Township in 1842 and lived on that farm until his death in his ninety-third year. One of his sons, William, resides at Camp Point and another, James, in Brown County, Illinois. John P. Yeargain lived and died in Gilmer Township and his son Thomas is a resident of Paloma. The last survivor of these four brothers, and by that token, the oldest resident of Gilmer Township, was Milton M.

Edward A. Yeargain, father of John C. Yeargain, married Ruth Pearce, daughter of David and Elizabeth Pearce. David Pearce was born in Baltimore County, Maryland, March 18, 1807. February 27, 1829, he married Elizabeth Stabler, who was born in York County, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1808. The Pearce family moved to Butler County Ohio, in 1835, and in 1848 came to Adams County. David Pearce died here December 16, 1878. Edward A. Yeargain lived for many years on a farm three miles southwest of Columbus in Gilmer Township, but spent his last years in Quincy, where he died at the age of sixty-eight. His first wife died aged thirty-six, and for his second wife he married Sarah Norris, who is still living. Edward A. Yeargain acquired a splendid farm of 340 acres in Gilmer Township, and was as successful in his generation as a farmer and stock raiser as his son John C. has been. This old farm has since been sold. He was a republican and his brothers were of the same political faith except William T., who served in the State Legislature as a democrat. Edward A. Yeargain by his first marriage had five children: Mary, wife of C. L. Anderson, of Gilmer Township; Louisa, Mrs. W. S. Hall; Edward, who died on the home place when twenty-two years of age; David P., who for the past twenty years has lived at Long Beach, California; and John C. By his second wife Edward A. Yeargain had six children: Lorenzo, of Quincy, who died in November, 1918; Ruby, Mrs. Hirsh, of New York, and four children who are deceased, Catherine dying when twenty-two years of age.

John C. Yeargain was born December 3, 1864, on the old homestead farm in Gilmer Township. In that environment he lived until he was twenty-one, and attended the local schools for his education. After leaving home he spent two years in Hancock County and then with a cash capital of \$200 rented the old homestead for three years. He then rented a portion of his present farm, the old Peter G. Horn estate. On February 12, 1890, he married Miss Harriet

Horn, who was born at the old Horn farm December 15, 1864, daughter of Peter G. and Drusilla M. (Stahl) Horn. Peter G. Horn was a prominent citizen of Honey Creek Township, was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, July 14, 1825, son of Adam and Mary Horn, and settled in Adams County April 15, 1857. His wife was born in Pennsylvania January 26, 1831. Peter Horn was recognized even forty years ago as one of the ablest and most progressive farmers of Honey Creek.

The Horn farm after being rented by Mr. Yeargain for two years was bought by him. Besides his wife's interest he assumed a heavy debt contracted with the other heirs. It was a large farm of 400 acres, and at the time of his purchase represented almost a maximum of land value in Adams County. It contains some long standing improvements, including the house built by Mr. Horn in 1860, and the barn about 1863.

This is now the Yeargain stock and grain farm. Mr. Yeargain's Short-horn cattle comprise a herd of about thirty-five thoroughbreds. For a number of years he has made a practice of selling breeding animals, many of which are shipped to distant states, and he holds both public and private sales. Some of his bulls and heifers have commanded most attractive prices. He is also an extensive breeder and feeder of hogs. Besides making this farm pay for itself Mr. Yeargain has invested his surplus in many other tracts of land, so that his present estate comprises about 800 acres, practically in a body, and so arranged as to be conveniently directed under his individual management. He has two other building sites on the farm, one occupied by a tenant, but he maintains general supervision over the entire domain. Mr. Yeargain is a member of the County Improvement Association, has been a delegate to the Farmers Congress at Rock Island, is a trustee of the United Brethren Church at Fowler, is a supporter of all the war activities, including Red Cross and Young Men's Christian Association, and while these constitute, together with the management of the farm, the full meed of a citizen's service, he had no inclination for the honors of office and is content to vote as a republican.

JOHN L. SOEBBING. Banker, merchant and public citizen, John L. Soebbing occupies a prominent place at Quincy, where he has long been identified with important interests. He is a native of Quincy, born February 2, 1861, has spent his life here, and it has been his privilege to contribute through his business ability and undiminished industry to the founding and forwarding of numerous enterprises that have had much to do with substantial development here.

The parents of John L. Soebbing, Anton and Catherine (Buddle) Soebbing, were of German extraction. They came to Quincy, Illinois, in 1853 and 1847, respectively, and during their long subsequent residence here were respected and esteemed. They were the parents of six children, namely: A son that died in infancy; John L.; Anton G., who is a resident of Kansas City, Missouri; Elizabeth, who is deceased; Catherine, who is the widow of William Tempe, of Quincy; and Henry A., who is a resident of Quincy. After attending the parochial schools at Quincy John L. Soebbing entered the employ of Dr. Rittler, a well known medical practitioner of this city at that time, and then started to learn the drug business with P. Carus, a druggist located on Maine Street, and continued with Mr. Carus until the latter's death. His next position was with the grocery house of C. R. Oliver, and from there entered the employ of John H. Metzger. At this time, realizing that a thorough knowledge of practical business methods was almost a necessity for a young man contemplating a business life, he entered the Gem City Business college in 1876 and completed the course, after which he returned to the grocery line and between that time and 1887 was a clerk with Strickling & Company, Jacob Scholz and John Altmix, in these standard houses securing a very thorough knowledge of this line of trade.



In 1887 Mr. Soebbing bought the grocery house of John Winkeljohn and carried on a first class retail store at Twelfth and Vine streets for three years, and then built a spacious store building on the opposite corner and moved into it with his brother Anton Soebbing as his partner. The enterprise was carried on with business caution and ability and prospered greatly. In 1896 Mr. Soebbing retired from the retail line and was one of the incorporators of the N. Kohl Wholesale Grocery Company, and became secretary of this company. He sold his interest in December, 1899.

In January, 1900, Mr. Soebbing organized the Quincy Grocery Company, of which he is now treasurer and general manager. On February 6, 1900, he bought out the W. S. Warfield Company, taking over the entire stock, building and sales force. Mr. Soebbing is president of the Merchants Trust and Savings Bank, and a director and the treasurer of the Columbus Home Association. He was vice president and a director in the Excelsior Stove Manufacturing Company and is secretary and treasurer of the Quincy Sand Company and other concerns.

For many years interested in politics, a republican voter, Mr. Soebbing has been honorable and useful in public office. From 1889 to 1890 he served on the board of supervisors; from 1891 to 1893, was a member of the city council, serving on the auditing, water and light committees, and in 1896 was re-elected but resigned in the fall of that year. In 1899 he was elected again to public office as alderman of his ward, his admirable business qualities making him particularly useful on the finance, water and light committees.

Mr. Soebbing was married October 30, 1883, to Miss Clara Altmix, and they have had children as follows: Leo A., who is associated with his father in many business enterprises; Robert J., who is teller in the Merchants Trust and Savings Bank; Clara M., who resides at home; George F., who is a bookkeeper in his father's employ; Helen, who is the wife of A. R. Russell, of Muscogee, Oklahoma; Edith, who is the wife of Charles Pritzlaff, of Quincy, now in the United States Navy; John R., who was traveling salesman for the Quincy Grocery Company and is now in the mechanical department, Balloon Division, United States Army; Ralph J., who is in his father's employ; Eugene, now at San Antonio, Texas; and three who died in infancy.

Mr. Soebbing and his family are members of St. Francis Roman Catholic Church at Quincy, and through that medium he has made generous contributions in charity. He is identified with the Knights of Columbus and the Western Catholic Union, and formerly was treasurer of St. Andrew's branch.

**WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON.** For many years the name of Richardson has been one of marked distinction in Illinois, and Quincy numbers among her citizens the present head of the family, Hon. William A. Richardson (Jr.). He was born in the capital city of the United States, while his honored father was serving as a member of Congress, June 24, 1848. His parents were William A. and Cornelia H. (Sullivan) Richardson, his father a native of Kentucky and his mother of Vincennes, Indiana. In 1831 the elder William A. Richardson came to Illinois and was married January 18, 1838, and his family numbered seven children, four of whom lived to manhood and womanhood: Helen Richardson Dwight, George J., William A. and John S.

Four years after coming to Illinois from Kentucky, the Legislature of Illinois elected Colonel Richardson state's attorney for the fifth judicial circuit; in 1836 he was elected to the Legislature from Schuyler County; in 1838 was chosen a member of the State Senate; and in 1844, again a member of the Lower House, was made speaker. When the Mexican war broke out he raised a company and led it to the front and for gallant conduct at Buena Vista was made a lieutenant colonel. While yet in Mexico he was nominated as a candidate for Congress, and on his return home was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Senator Douglas, and served in that representative body for ten years

and in 1856 was put forward by the democratic party of Illinois as its nominee for governor. In 1857 President Buchanan appointed him governor of Nebraska. In 1860 he was returned to Congress from the Quincy District and in 1863 was chosen to fill the vacancy in the United States Senate caused by the death of Judge Douglas and for more than thirty years was a prominent factor in public affairs. Colonel Richardson's death occurred December 27, 1875.

After finishing his education in the private schools of Quincy, Palmyra and Chicago, William A. Richardson (Jr.), obtained a position with the railroads, first in the freight and afterward in the engineering departments. He was connected with the survey of the Quincy, Alton & St. Louis Railway, now the Louisiana branch of the C. B. & Q., and afterward on the construction of the same; with the survey of the Chillicothe, Council Bluffs & Omaha Railway, now a branch of the Wabash; with the survey and construction of Sni Levee in Adams and Pike counties in the state; with the survey and construction of the Atehison branch of the old Hannibal and St. Joseph Railway, now a part of the C. B. & Q. system; and with the survey of the Chicago, Quincy & Western Railway, which was never built.

Mr. Richardson commenced the study of law in office of the Hon. O. H. Browning at Quincy in the year 1874 and was admitted to practice in 1876, in April of the same year being appointed master in chancery, which office he held for nine years. In 1878 and 1879 he was city attorney of Quincy. In 1880 he was elected a member of the Illinois Legislature. In 1885 he was appointed United States commissioner, and served in this capacity until impaired health compelled him to resign, and devoted himself to his farm in Minnesota.

Mr. Richardson was married January 3, 1881, to Miss Anna D. McFadon, of Quincy. This city has always been their home.

HENRY H. GARRELTS is secretary and treasurer of the Henry G. Garrelts and Sons Company, one of the oldest established concerns in Quincy, with a record of fifty years of growth and service. One distinctive feature is that it is and always has been a family concern, and it is today a close corporation, all the stock being owned by the Garrelts family. Quincy people need hardly be informed that it is a wholesale and retail paint, wallpaper and supply house, and also operating a general department store for different classes of household furnishing. The store, 38 by 75 feet, is one of the prominent South Side concerns, located at 813-815 State Street. The company also have three warehouses and a large paint shop in the rear of the store. The main building was erected by the late Henry G. Garrelts in 1905. In 1915 the business was incorporated and its founder died in December, 1916, nearly fifty years after he came to Quincy and went to work as a master painter. After incorporation Henry H. Garrelts was made secretary and treasurer, and the president of the company became at that time his brother George Garrelts, who died October 9, 1918, the mother succeeding him to the presidency of the company.

Henry G. Garrelts was a native of Germany, and while in the old country learned the trade of baker. He came to America in 1866 and during one year spent at Pekin, Illinois, followed the trade of painter. In 1867 he located at Quincy, and his work and trade as a painter proved the basis on which the present business was built. For a time he was associated with Daniel Lynds and later with the Young Brothers, finally establishing a business of his own. Henry G. Garrelts was one of the leading members of the Lutheran Church and prominent in many civic affairs and movements at Quincy. His widow is still living.

The children comprise an enterprising group of younger people, all active workers, good citizens, and valued members of the community. The oldest child, Mary, who was educated in the public schools and a business college, was a stockholder in the company and head clerk of the department store. She



passed away October 16, 1918. Anna, the second daughter, lives at the old home with her mother. The third child is Henry H. Garrelts. Lena is manager of the picture and toy department in the store. The next in age was George, while the youngest is Clara, who has distinguished herself by special skill and efficiency as a stenographer. She is a graduate of the Gem City Business College, and is now private secretary for Secretary of State Emerson of Illinois.

Mr. George Garrelts married Anna Schulte and a son, George, Jr., was born in 1918. The brother of Mrs. Garrelts will always have a high place in American history as the first American soldier to be killed in the front line trenches in France.

Henry H. Garrelts, like his brother, was educated in the local public schools and business college, and practically grew up in the atmosphere of his father's store. In 1902 he went to Des Moines, Iowa, and for two years was shipping clerk and salesman for a wholesale paint company there. In Des Moines in 1903 he married Martha Borkenhagen. She was born in Pomeran, Germany. Her father, Maj. Gustav Borkenhagen, was an officer in the Franco-Prussian war, and was at one time a very successful manufacturer of cloth in Germany. He accumulated a fortune, but lost nearly all of it through the dishonest actions of a partner. Mrs. Garrelts came to the United States when twelve years of age and finished her education at Brunswick, Missouri. Henry H. Garrelts and wife have two daughters, Maria D., aged twelve, and Dorothy A., aged eleven. Both are now attending school.

The family are all members of Salem Lutheran Church at Quincy. The late Henry G. Garrelts and wife were early members there and did much to build up the church. The father served as an officer, and has since been followed in that by his sons. For the past ten years Henry H. Garrelts has been an active member of Herman Lodge of Masons and has filled chairs in the lodge, as did also his brother. The firm has membership in the Quincy Chamber of Commerce.

**JOSEPH BARLOW.** In the invention and use of appliances and devices for saving time and labor in the agricultural industry, America has led the world for many years. Hence, in part, has come the wonderful prosperity that has made the United States the granary of the world, her inventions making it possible to far outdistance other lands where primitive methods of agriculture have been retained. One of the exceedingly valuable inventions is the corn-planter, which piece of machinery is indispensable in the great corn belt of the country, and which, with a few improvements, is constructed practically on the same lines as those manufactured in Adams County, Illinois, seventy years ago, by Joseph C. Barlow. He was the father of Joseph Barlow, one of Quincy's representative business men of today, who is manager of the Quincy Foundry & Novelty Company.

Joseph Barlow was born in this city, April 19, 1868. His parents were Joseph C. and Eveline (Streeter) Barlow, the former of whom was born in 1836, in Genesee County, New York, and the latter in Kentucky. Of their family of ten children there are four survivors, namely: John W., who is a resident of Kansas City, Missouri; Ella M., who is the widow of James W. Fairman, of Kansas City; Joseph; and Emily L., who is the wife of J. O. Glenn, of Quincy, Illinois. In 1848 Joseph C. Barlow came to Adams County, Illinois. He had been reared on a farm but the possession of mechanical ability led him finally into a manufacturing business and he produced some of the first corn-plinters used in this section, and in the study of his product he found where a better planter could be made and set about its invention. In time he was successful in securing a patent for this invention, which became known as the Barlow Corn Planter, and Mr. Barlow established his manufacturing plant for the same on Front and Cedar streets, Quincy. For many years he continued in the active conduct of his business there, his corn-planter meeting with a wide sale and continuing in favor long after later patented machines came upon

the market, because of its practical qualities and reasonable cost. Mr. Barlow died in 1895. His widow survived many years afterward, passing away at Quincy in 1905.

Joseph Barlow was educated in the public schools of Quincy. With an inherited taste for mechanics he then entered his father's foundry and from the age of nineteen years to thirty he was connected with the business of the Barlow Corn Planter Company. In 1898 he came to the Quincy Foundry & Novelty Company, and has continued manager here ever since.

Mr. Barlow was married October 25, 1893, to Miss Georgie H. Berry, who was born in Illinois. They have had two children, neither of whom survived infancy. Mr. Barlow belongs to the Rotary Club and politically is a republican but has never been particularly active in political life and has never sought public office. It is a matter of some pride to him that on the paternal side he can claim relationship with so great a man as Stephen A. Douglas, who was his father's first cousin.

EDWIN P. OSGOOD, a resident of Quincy since 1905, is a man of wide and thorough experience in business affairs. He has been a trader and dealer since early youth, has also done some practical farming, has sold and operated in real estate and as a lumber manufacturer and dealer, and is now handling industrial investments, his offices being in the Majestic Building at Quincy.

Mr. Osgood was born at Plymouth, Illinois, in 1874. He attended school there, but at the age of seventeen started out upon his own resources and has won his way by hard work and honest dealings. He has made good in practically every undertaking. After coming to Quincy he completed a course in the Gem City Business College, and has constantly used every opportunity to improve his ability and give him a broader outlook.

One of his early experiences was as a farmer in Lewis County, Missouri, where he bought some land and for several years worked almost night and day to manage it and improve it. He bought it for fifteen dollars an acre and sold it for thirty dollars an acre. He then became engaged in business as a trader in merchandise stocks. He bought and sold twenty-six stocks of goods within a few years, and made a profit on nearly every transaction. During the same period he bought and sold fifty-two farms. From early boyhood he has been a hustler and has a great liking for business transactions, a trait which he no doubt inherited from his New England Yankee ancestry.

On coming to Quincy in 1905 Mr. Osgood entered the lumber and real estate business. For six years his time was largely confined to real estate work and for two years he lived in Kansas City, Missouri, and operated as a manufacturer and dealer both wholesale and retail, in lumber. In 1915 he returned to Quincy and until February, 1917, was engaged in lumber manufacture.

After long and careful study Mr. Osgood in February, 1917, became identified with the work of industrial investments and securities, especially with the International Industrial Securities Company. He has well earned the confidence of the people and has allied himself with a very interesting phase of industrial promotion.

The Industrial Securities Company has promoted the American Mineral Production Company, which has the largest deposits of magnesite in the world in Stephens County, Washington. This company was organized in the fall of 1916, and by October, 1917, the capitalization of \$1,500,000. has been sold to the public except a one-third interest held by the Industrial Security Company. Magnesite is a material used in the lining of all steel furnaces, in the hardening of rubber, in extracting metallic magnesium and salts obtained from magnesium. A superior roofing is made at Springfield, Illinois, from magnesite. The American Mineral Production Company is on a 12 per cent per annum dividend basis. The Industrial Securities Company built a railroad leading to the magnesite deposits. Another promotion of the Industrial Secur-



ities Company is the Perfection Tire and Rubber Company, which holds patents covering the use of asbestos for the construction of tires. The Curtis Brothers Handle Company is another promotion of the Industrial Securities Company. This capital stock is now owned by the public and is on an earning basis estimated at 18 per cent per annum. Another concern promoted by the company of which Mr. Osgood is a member is the Karamoid Container Manufacturing Company. This company manufactures on patents a varied line of containers constructed of magnesite, wood pulp and chemical compounds. They have perfected a process by which containers can be made so cheaply that while suitable for such usage as milk bottles, and also for the canning and preserving of fruits, lard, butter and meat, the containers are used only once. The plant for the manufacture of these articles is being built at Fort Madison, Iowa, which is also the home of the Perfection Tire & Rubber Company and the Curtis Brothers Handle Company.

Mr. Osgood states that the Industrial Securities Company guarantees each stockholder against loss for two years, and at the expiration of that time they have the privilege of returning their stock and receiving their money back with 6 per cent interest. Mr. Osgood became interested in this company in February, 1917, and took up the work believing he could benefit each and every individual who bought stock. He has given up the lumber business and other lines so as to devote all his time to the new field.

In Lewis County, Missouri, Mr. Osgood married Miss Leona Lay, a native of that county. She was educated in the city schools of Canton. They have one daughter, of whom they are justly proud, Hazel, born December 25, 1910. She is now a student in the grammar schools of Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Osgood are active members of the Baptist Church and he is one of the church trustees and for several years has been superintendent of the Sunday school. He is affiliated with Lambert Lodge No. 15, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Quincy.

**CHARLES EBERHARDT.** To work steadily in one line and one occupation for forty-five years is to render a service that needs to be appreciated in any community, since it is such men and such services that do most to insure all elements of welfare. That has been the distinction of Mr. Charles Eberhardt, a carriage trimmer by occupation, and who as a boy began his trade in 1872 with the old E. M. Miller Carriage Company on South Sixth Street. He learned the trade there and with the exception of brief trips as a journeyman to the West and South was employed steadily until 1890, when he established a business on his own account at 902 Maine Street. This is his business home today, and he has not only been materially prospered, but has gained the esteem of a host of Quincy people.

Mr. Eberhardt was born in Germany July 5, 1854. His parents, Adolph and Mary Eberhardt, when their son Charles, their first born, was not yet two years old, in 1856 crossed the ocean and established their home in Quincy, so that Mr. Charles Eberhardt has been a resident of this city for over sixty years. Adolph Eberhardt was a cabinet maker by trade, and followed that line chiefly in Quincy. He retired about ten years before his death, which occurred in June, 1911, at the age of eighty-four. His wife died in Quincy December 31, 1884, aged fifty-eight years, six months. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: Charles; Anna and Mollie, both unmarried; Adolph J., who for many years was a worker with the E. M. Miller carriage shop, and by his marriage to Anna Bregger, daughter of Thomas Bregger, has three children, Louise, Grace and Caroline.

Mr. Charles Eberhardt married in Quincy Miss Emily Gasser. She was born in this city of German parents. She was a small child when her father died and her mother died later. Mr. and Mrs. Eberhardt and family are all members of St. John's Lutheran Church and he is a democrat in politics. Their

children are: Cordelia, a graduate nurse from Blessing Hospital has been active in her profession for ten years; Mollie, a well educated young woman living at home and a bookkeeper for the Quincy Produce Company; Louise, who for several years was secretary and treasurer of the Quincy Produce Company and is now at home; and Elsie, who married Lewis Tredder, of Quincy, and has a son, Donald, born June 7, 1915.

**PHILIP GENTEMANN.** A skilful and practical horticulturist and florist, Philip Gentemann is intimately associated with the development and advancement of that branch of industry that relates to the growing of flowers, plants and shrubs, a work that he is carrying on after the most approved scientific methods. A son of C. Frederick W. Gentemann, he was born in Quincy November 15, 1877, and was educated in the parochial and public schools of the city.

C. Frederick W. Gentemann was born in Germany, and as a young man came with his parents to Illinois, locating in Quincy. While working for Governor Wood, having charge of all of the horticultural work of the place, he accumulated quite a sum of money, and when ready to invest it bought land and built the first greenhouse in Adams County. He began the nursery business on a modest scale, but enlarged his operations each year, carrying at first a line of trees and shrubbery, but subsequently putting in a stock of potted plants and making a specialty of cut flowers. In 1901 he retired from active pursuits, giving up the business to his sons, Herman A. and Philip. He continued his residence, however, in Quincy until his death in April, 1909. He married Anna Minerva Goesling, a native of Germany, and she survived him, at the present time making her home with her son Philip. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Henry, a prosperous farmer and dairyman of Kansas; William, who laid out the grounds for the Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Quincy, and of which he had charge several years, is now living in St. Louis, being there engaged in the manufacture of library tables and kitchen cabinets; Hannah, wife of W. L. Coulson, of Memphis, Tennessee; Reicke, wife of William C. Smith, of Galesburg, Illinois; Minnie, who is interested with her brothers in the nursery; Herman, who has charge of the downtown office of the nursery; Philip, who superintends the growing department of the nursery; and Lennie, who died in girlhood.

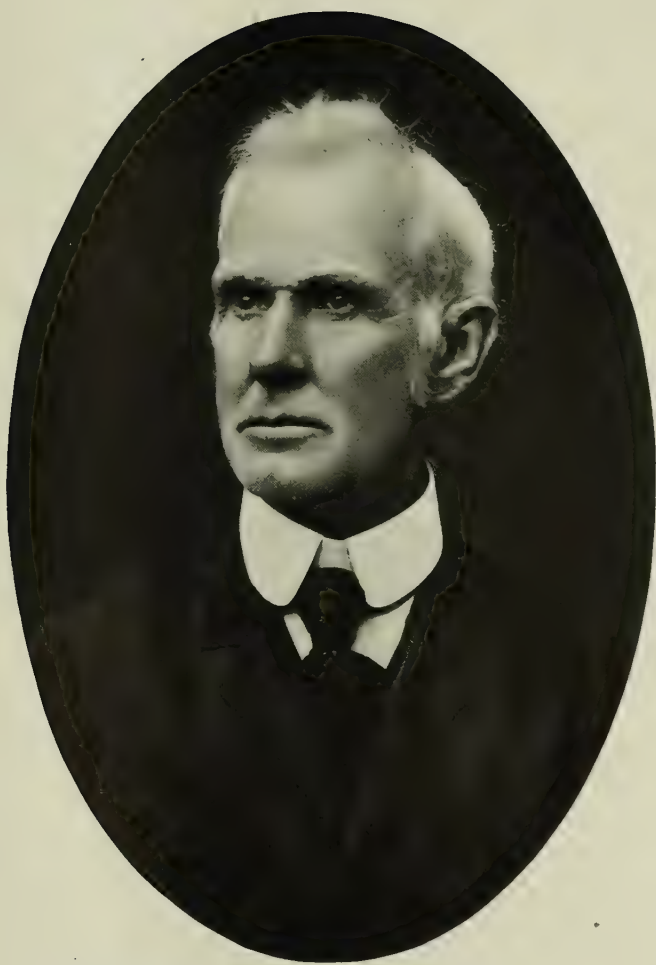
Working in the greenhouse with his father from his boyhood days, Philip Gentemann found the occupation congenial and profitable and with his brother Herman has succeeded to the business founded by his father and has developed a large and constantly increasing trade. The plant is large and finely equipped, containing 35,000 feet of glass, under which are grown choice plants of all kinds, the enterprising firm of Gentemann Brothers catering to an extensive and appreciative public, its patronage extending over a large territory, covering not only Quincy but numerous other cities and towns.

Mr. Gentemann married, May 9, 1917, Mary Orr, a native of Lima, Illinois. Mr. Gentemann is a staunch republican in politics. He is a member of the Order of Eagles, and of the North Side Boat Club. He and his family are members of St. Jacobi Church.

**CRAYTON SLADE** is a veteran Union soldier, a resident of Adams County more than sixty years, and is now surrounded with the comforts and plenty of a fine farm, the result of many years of persevering toil and good management. This farm home is in section 25 of Gilmer Township, fourteen miles east of Quincy, on the Columbus Township line.

Mr. Slade is a native of Maryland, born in Baltimore County May 14, 1830. He was nine years old when his father died leaving his mother with seven children, and he only fifteen when his mother passed away. He had to get out and make his own living, and as a boy he worked six years in a woolen factory.





*Crayton Slade.*





Otherwise all his active career has been spent as an agriculturist. Mr. Slade came west to Butler County, Ohio, in 1852. Three years later he went back to Maryland, but in 1855 came on to Adams County, which he had first visited in 1852. His sister was Mrs. James O. Lytle, who with her husband had come to Adams County down the Ohio and up the Mississippi rivers. Mr. Slade and his brother-in-law bought in partnership seventy-five acres in Burton Township at \$30 an acre. This land contained a new house, and it is now the farm of J. P. Spangler. They located there in the spring of 1856, and continued their partnership operation until 1862.

In August, 1862, Mr. Slade enlisted in Company E of the Eighty-Fourth Illinois Infantry, under Col. L. H. Waters, Captain Tousley, while his first lieutenant was Hiram Roberts. Among his comrades who also went from the same township were George and Jared Stabler, James Plowman, William Hughes, James Hughes, Wash Wilson, James Malone, William Malone, Anson Malone and Joseph Pond. Several of these were killed or died in service. Mr. Slade served from the time of his enlistment until the end of the war. He was in the Atlanta campaign, and then went with Thomas' army in the chase after Hood, including the battles of Franklin and Nashville. At Chickamauga September 19-20, 1863, Mr. Slade's knapsack stopped an enemy bullet. He was promoted to sergeant of his company.

At the end of the war he returned home and on February 28, 1866, married Mary Pearce. She was also a Maryland girl, but had come to Illinois at an early day with her parents. In the spring of 1867 Mr. Slade settled on his present farm, starting with fifty-three acres bought for \$2,400. Later he rounded out his possessions to make a full quarter section, and he also owns 188 acres three quarters of a mile away in Columbus Township. This second farm has a complete building equipment of its own. Mr. Slade never paid more than \$52 per acre for land, but his holdings are worth much more than that at the present time. His original farm had a very poor house and no other buildings at all, and in the course of half a century he has expended much money and his own labor in equipping and fitting out his farms with improvements that are of the best. He has put his chief reliance in such money making enterprises as stock raising, handling hogs, cattle and horses. He has always been a lover of good horse-flesh, and has had some very fine horses. For the past ten years Mr. Slade has turned over the heavier responsibilities of farming to his children.

Of the four children born to him and wife one died in infancy and one at the age of fifteen. The daughter Ada is Mrs. Walter Frey, and his only son is William Slade, a bachelor. Mr. Slade and his children all live together.

In an official capacity he has been township supervisor several times, road commissioner, tax collector and member of the school board. He is a democrat. His mother was a Presbyterian, but he has never affiliated with any church. Mrs. Slade died in 1902, after they had lived happily together for thirty-six years. Mr. Slade served a number of times on the grand and petit juries. He has been a witness to all the changing developments in his part of the county for over sixty years. One of the interesting landmarks of Columbus Township was the old Dutch windmill which was built on a brick foundation. There was no arrangement to shut off the mill, and as it kept turning constantly, whether in use for grinding or not, it eventually ran itself to pieces. One of the owners of the property refused to sell the brick as he wanted to preserve the tile as a monument to his grandchildren. Mr. Slade is a remarkable man for eighty-eight years of age, active as many men of only fifty. He often walks miles and back to visit his neighbors. He was educated in the old time subscription schools, with their slabs for seats and walked two and three miles to school.

**THEODORE DOUGHERTY.** While he has relaxed somewhat the strenuous toil of earlier years, Theodore Dougherty is still one of the capable business men and active citizens of Keene Township, and still lives on the fine farm that reflects

his good management and industry. This farm is five miles northeast of Mendon and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Lorain.

Mr. Dougherty was born in Carbon County, Pennsylvania, May 21, 1854, son of Mathew and Mary (Edmonds) Dougherty. His father was born at Coleraine, County Derry, Ireland, in 1812. His wife was born at Timby, Wales, and went to Ireland when a young woman. Her father was an old sea captain. Mathew Dougherty with two children immigrated to America, landing at Quebec, and from there went to Carbon County, Pennsylvania. He worked in the anthracite coal mines for several years, until about 1838. He had served eight years on the coast service in Ireland. He was an engineer for a time with the famous Inclined Plane Railroad over the Allegheny Mountains in Pennsylvania. He lived on top of Mt. Jefferson, and from his home there was an unrivalled expanse of scenery and landscape to be beheld. He helped haul the cars over the mountains, pulling them up by cable and letting them down by gravity. In 1868 Mathew Dougherty came to Adams County, locating in Honey Creek Township a mile south of the present home of his son Theodore. He died there in January, 1885. He and his wife had thirteen children. Three daughters and three sons still survive: Clara, Mrs. Willis Morris, of California; Mrs. Martha McIlmorrell, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Sarah Gibson, of Summit Hill, Pennsylvania; Arthur, at Douglass, Wyoming; Andrew J., also of Wyoming; and Theodore. The oldest son, Thomas, became a Union soldier and was killed in the battle of Cold Harbor. He served with an artillery company from Philadelphia. The daughter Mary married Thomas Fleming and died in Adams County, her husband still being a resident of Mendon. Eliza married Andrew McMullen and both died in Keene Township.

Theodore Dougherty married, April 18, 1883, Ellen Campbell. Her parents were John and Margaret (Owens) Campbell, both natives of County Monaghan, Ireland. Mrs. Dougherty was born in Gilmer Township, April 18, 1858, and when she was ten years of age her parents moved to the Big Neck community, where her father died at the age of sixty. The Campbells had a family of twelve children, five of whom are living: Margaret, Mrs. Jacob Gross, of Camp Point; Maria, Mrs. Frank Powell, of Bowen; Hannah, Mrs. Milton Kelley, of Wyaconda, Missouri; Samuel Campbell, who lives on the old homestead in Keene Township; and Mrs. Dougherty.

The year he married Mr. Theodore Dougherty secured his present farm of eighty acres from his brother Andrew J. He has his farm improved with a good house. Most of the land was originally timber, but is now an expanse of fertile fields. He has been a successful grower of wheat, hogs and other good livestock, and has marketed from forty to eighty head every year. His hog raising has been handicapped by the heavy ravages of the cholera. Mr. Dougherty still retains his home, but rents out his fields for cultivation.

A brief record of his family is as follows: Roy, is a telegraph operator with the Burlington Railway in Knox County, Illinois, and married Zoe Epperson. Beulah is a very accomplished teacher, having spent ten years in that vocation in Adams County and having finished a course in domestic science in the Bradley Polytechnic Institute at Peoria, and is now connected with the schools of Greenville, Illinois. Floyd married Anna Grosh, and is now farming the Grosh farm in Keene Township. Alice taught six years in Adams County and four terms at Marblehead and is now the wife of Wallace Haxel, a teacher in the Gem City Business College. Both daughters are members of the Eastern Star and Roy is affiliated with the Masonic Order. Mr. Theodore Dougherty is a republican, and was reared in the Episcopal Church, but has no church connections. He is a member of Masonic Order at Mendon.

JOHN E. MILLER, M. D. For nearly a quarter of a century Doctor Miller has practiced his profession in Illinois, and since coming to Quincy his attainments as a physician and surgeon have spread his fame abroad from this city.



He is one of the busiest surgeons of Quincy, and about four-fifths of his work is in surgery.

Doctor Miller is of southern birth and ancestry. He was born at Austin, the capital of Texas, June 27, 1871, son of George E. and Mattie (McQuiston) Miller. His father's family came from Virginia while his mother's people were originally Missourians before they located in Texas. Both Doctor Miller's parents were born in Texas, were married at Austin, and his father was for many years a farmer and cattle raiser. He died in Texas in 1903, at the age of sixty. His widow later came north and lived at Quincy until her death in 1915, at the age of seventy.

Doctor Miller was liberally educated, attending the University of Texas, and from there entering the Baltimore Medical College at Baltimore, where he finished his course and received his M. D. degree in 1893. For about a year he practiced at Lockhart, Texas, but in 1894 came north and settled in Pittsfield, Illinois. He has a medical license in two states. At Pittsfield he was prospered in his work, and steadily improved his opportunities and abilities. In 1900 he interrupted his practice to take a tour abroad and spent much time in the great hospitals and clinics at Vienna. On returning to this country he resumed his work at Pittsfield, and his trend toward surgery influenced him to build and manage a private hospital in Pittsfield. Then in order to have a wider field for his surgical practice he removed to Quincy in 1907, and for five years practiced as a partner with Dr. J. H. Rice. Since 1912 he has been alone in practice, and has a fine suite of offices in the Majestic Building. Nearly every day Doctor Miller is to be found in the operating rooms of the two hospitals at Quincy and he handles many of the difficult and complicated major operations.

By his first wife Doctor Miller has two children, Helen and William Estill. The daughter is the wife of Professor W. A. Schimell, who is now engaged in the hardware business at Pittsfield. They have two children, W. A., Jr., and Margaret. The son, William Estill, was born at Pittsfield, graduated from the high school there, from the Illinois Wesleyan College at Bloomington in 1918, and is now a student in Washington University at St. Louis. In 1914, at Pittsfield, Doctor Miller married for his present wife Miss Alice Hoos, who was reared and educated in that city. She is the mother of one daughter, Wilda Idel, three years old. Doctor Miller is a Knight Templar Mason and also belongs to the Scottish Rite Consistory at Quincy. He took his first Masonic degrees at Pittsfield, but has transferred all his membership to Quincy except that in the Royal Arch Chapter.

**WILLIAM MEALIFF.** Long years have been vouchsafed William Mealiff, and at the age of more than fourscore it is possible to claim for him a life of useful activity, honorable dealings with his fellow men, the contribution of something wholesome and enduring to his community in Adams County, and altogether his is one of the names entitled to and receiving the respect and veneration paid to worthy old age. Mr. Mealiff resides in Honey Creek Township  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles northeast of Mendon.

He was born in County Cavan, Ireland, February 12, 1834. He grew up in his native country and was twenty-five years old when in 1859 he came to the United States and joined some cousins and other relatives in Mendon Township. The next ten years he was hard at work earning a living, saving something, and getting familiar with American methods. Two of those years he spent with the Talcott family, seven years with Mr. Weed, and one year with Abraham Chittenden. He had some thrifty habits that enabled him to save from his meager wages about \$1,000 altogether, and he used that capital to buy a tract of wild timber in Honey Creek Township. The price agreed upon was \$12.50 per acre. There he built a story and a half frame house, containing five rooms, and shortly afterward, in 1876, married Miss Anna Hewitt. Mrs.

Mealiff was born in Mendon Village and was twenty-three years of age at the time of her marriage. Her parents were Thomas and Sarah (Kells) Hewitt, of Mendon Village. Thomas Hewitt also came from County Cavan, Ireland, in 1849, and for a number of years followed the trade of wagon maker. He settled on a farm three-quarters of a mile south of Mendon and died there in 1898, at the age of eighty-eight. In 1852 he married in Mendon Sarah Kells, who had also come from County Cavan in 1850. She is still living, at the age of eighty-eight, in Mendon. In the Hewitt family were five children: Anna, Mrs. Mealiff; Robert, a railroad man at Burlington, Iowa; Martha, wife of G. H. Baldwin, of Mendon; Sarah, Mrs. Frank Heineke, of Mendon; and Elizabeth, Mrs. George Chant, of Stronghurst, Illinois.

After his marriage Mr. Mealiff lived on the farm until 1911. He was associated with his cousin James Mealiff in purchasing that land in section 4, but in 1885 acquired James Mealiff's interest. James Mealiff is still a resident of the township. In section 4 of Honey Creek William Mealiff owned 200 acres. In 1909 he bought his present farm two miles away, consisting of eighty acres, the purchase price of which was \$105 an acre. It contained an old home and its present substantial residence was erected in 1910 and he occupied it in 1911. In making the move to the new farm Mr. Mealiff was largely influenced by the fact that his first farm was five miles from Mendon over rough roads with few bridges, while his present land is only three miles from market and the social center and has an excellent highway between. Mr. Mealiff and son still operate both farms and are among the large grain and stock raisers of the county. He is a republican and was reared in the Episcopal Church and for many years has served as vestryman and warden.

Mr. and Mrs. Mealiff have a most interesting family of children. Grace, the oldest, is the wife of John F. Dickerman. Lawrence is a bachelor and lives at home, having assumed most of the responsibilities in connection with the management of the home farm. Lavania Elizabeth was a successful teacher in Adams County for seven years and taught altogether ten years, and is now the wife of John Davidson, a retired ranchman at Salt Lake City, Utah. Gordon was a teacher for two years in the county and attended the mechanical engineering course at the University of Missouri at Columbia two years, and is now a successful farmer in Honey Creek Township. He married Laura Bogart. The daughter Martha Ellen is a graduate in domestic science at the Bradley Polytechnic Institute of Peoria, taught domestic science classes in the Peoria public schools, and before taking domestic science taught rural schools. She is now teaching in high school at Vernon, Kansas. The next member of the family is Walter, who is serving with the United States Army in the motor division and now in England. Ada, the youngest, graduated from Mendon High School with the class of 1917 and is still at home.

**JOHN F. PIEPER.** A prosperous business man of Adams County, John F. Pieper, of Quincy, president and general manager of the Quincy Show Case Works, is a substantial representative of the manufacturing and mercantile interests of both city and county. A native-born citizen, his birth occurred July 2, 1854.

His father, Semon Henry Pieper, was born in Germany and there spent the days of his boyhood and youth. Immigrating to the United States in 1848, he located in Quincy, where he built up a large and lucrative business as a cabinet maker, remaining a resident of the city until his death in September, 1905. He married Mary Folkers, a native of Germany. She survived him but a very short time, passing away in December, 1905. Of the five children born of their marriage but one, John F., of whom we write, is now living.

Beginning life for himself poor in pocket but rich in energy and ambition, John F. Pieper engaged in agricultural pursuits, spending two years as a general farmer and two years as a dairyman. Locating then in Quincy, he learned the



cabinet maker's trade, which he subsequently followed for a time. In 1875 he began the manufacture of show cases, and met with such encouraging results that in 1876 he admitted to partnership H. H. Schleeter, with whom he was associated three years. Subsequently, with H. C. Pfeiffer as a partner, Mr. Pieper established the Quincy Show Case Works, with which Mr. Pfeiffer was identified until his death. Mr. Pieper is president and general manager of the company, which under his able and judicious supervision is in a flourishing condition, being one of the most enterprising and substantial firms of the kind in the county.

Mr. Pieper married in March, 1878, Louisa Erke, a native of Columbus Township, Adams County, Illinois. Five children have blessed their union, namely: Henry F., of Quincy, who is associated in business with his father as assistant manager of the works; Ida, wife of August Stacklebach, foreman of the cabinet department of the Show Case Works; Clara; Frank J., and Bertha, who lived but four short years. Mr. Pieper is a member of several fraternal organizations of the state, including the Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons, and is a prominent member of the Salem Evangelical Church, which he has served as a trustee for the past seventeen years.

**J. LEROY ADAIR.** The profession of law is one to which many aspire, but in which only a comparatively few secure success in any remarkable degree. Mere training, industry and persistence do not necessarily make a successful lawyer. He must possess inherent ability and talent for his profession, and it is the lack of this quality that keeps many in the ranks of the mediocre.

One of the talented among the younger members of the Quincy bar is J. Leroy Adair, now state's attorney of Adams County, and whose work and abilities have found constantly growing favor since his early years.

Mr. Adair was born at Coatsburg in Adams County February 23, 1887, a son of Henry L. and Sarah E. (Pevehouse) Adair. Both families came from Kentucky, settling in Brown County, Illinois, in 1818, the year Illinois was admitted to the Union, and removing to Adams County in 1830. Henry L. Adair is now a retired farmer living at Clayton, Illinois. There were two children, J. Leroy and Orville Ray, the latter a business man of Clayton.

J. Leroy Adair graduated from the Clayton High School in 1903, at the age of sixteen. Following that he taught school a year, had a mercantile experience as a groceryman at Clayton for two years, and from there entered the Illinois College at Jacksonville and following this spent three years in the University of Michigan Law School at Ann Arbor, where he was graduated LL. B. in 1911. Mr. Adair did his first work as a lawyer at Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he remained two years, but in 1913 returned to his home county and has been making rapid progress in his profession. He served as city attorney of Quincy during 1915-16, and in 1916 was chosen to his present responsibilities and dignity as state's attorney. Mr. Adair is a democrat and a member of the Masonic Order. April 15, 1911, he married Miss Maude E. Gruber, of Clayton, Illinois.

**JOHN F. GARNER** came into the honors and responsibilities of membership in the Adams County bar about a week after reaching his twenty-first birthday. For nearly twenty years he has borne the reputation of a hard working, earnest and successful attorney, and many of the best honors of his profession and of civic life have been bestowed upon him.

A native of Hancock County, Illinois, where he was born October 6, 1878, Mr. Garner is a son of James R. and Helen (Finlay) Garner, both natives of Hancock County. His father is now living retired at West Point, Illinois.

The only child of his parents, John F. Garner attended high school at Carthage, Illinois, and was a student in literature and law at Chaddock College of Quincy. He graduated from the law course in 1898, at the age of twenty, and was admitted to the bar on October 14, 1899. His services as attorney have

been employed in much of the important litigation in the courts at Quincy and he is now sharing his practice with Mr. Charles L. Bartlett, under the firm name of Bartlett & Garner.

From time to time he has been called from the duties of his private profession to public office. Governor Deneen appointed him to fill out the unexpired term of Judge McCrory as county judge for nine months. In 1911 he was elected mayor of Quincy, and filled that office two years. Mr. Garner in 1898, while the Spanish-American war was in progress, enlisted in the Quincy division of the Naval Reserve. He held all the petty offices of the division, was elected Ensign in 1900, Lieutenant (J. G.) in 1901, and a few months later in that year was elected Lieutenant, commanding the Division, and so continued until his request to be placed on the retired list. He did much to put the organization on an efficient basis, and continued in active service until put on the retired list January 9, 1913. Mr. Garner is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite and a Knights Templar Mason. In politics he is a republican.

March 31, 1903, he married Cora Jansen, a native of this city and a daughter of Henry H. and Julia (Kendall) Jansen. Her father was born in Adams County, and was for a number of years a successful member of the bar. The mother is also a native of this county and is still living at Quincy.

**HENRY DISSELHORST.** Through a period of forty years the Disselhorst family has been identified with Ellington Township, and the name is synonymous with good citizenship and most effective labors in agriculture and other lines.

The founder of the family here was the late Fred Disselhorst, who was born in Hanover, Germany, May 14, 1850. At the age of twenty-one he embarked for the United States, landed at New York, and came west to St. Louis. He lived there for a time and later came to Adams County, where he hired out as a farm hand. Later he married in Ellington Township Miss Amelia Ahlemeier. She was born in Adams County April 19, 1857, daughter of John and Mary Ahlemeier, natives of Germany. Her parents on coming to the United States settled in Adams County, were married there, and spent the rest of their days in Ellington Township. Both were active members of the Lutheran Church.

Fred Disselhorst and wife had very little capital when they married and continued renting until they purchased their first farm of eighty acres in Ellington Township. This land was greatly improved by Fred Disselhorst and he provided liberally for his children as they grew up. His industrious career came to a close September 16, 1914. He was a republican in politics and held a number of offices in the township. Mrs. Fred Disselhorst now lives at 815 South Fourteenth Street in Quincy. She is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which her husband was also a member. Fred Disselhorst's mother died in Germany. The father and other children came to the United States and the father died in Adams County when about seventy-five years of age. Of the other sons and daughters those still living are Ernest, Charles, William and Mrs. William Wittler.

Fred Disselhorst had six children, Henry being the oldest. Minnie is the wife of Henry Hoehne, living on a farm in Missouri, and has three sons and two daughters. Mary is unmarried and resides with her mother. Anna married Fred Thyson, a farmer in Ellington Township, and they have a son, Chester. Lena is the wife of Albert Rottman, an Ellington Township farmer. Fred is a farmer in Ellington Township, married Lydia Wagner, of Melrose Township, and has a son, Virgil.

Henry Disselhorst grew up on his father's farm in Ellington Township, attended the Washington District School and since his marriage he and his wife have lived on his mother's farm in section 9 of Ellington Township. Under his management this is a very productive property. He conducts it as a stock and grain farm. Among other buildings he has one of the large barns in the







*Clement Bush*



township, 36 by 54 feet. His home is a two-story seven-room house of modern construction. He grows good stock and has fine crops of cereals.

November 18, 1903, Mr. Disselhorst married Nora C. Schroeder. She was born in Honey Creek Township of this county and was educated in the Oakland Grove School. Her parents were Henry and Sophia (Dickhut) Schroeder. Her father was born in Germany and was brought to America by his parents at the age of nine years. His parents spent the rest of their lives in Adams County. He married an Adams County girl, Miss Dickhut, and farmed in Melrose Township for several years and later bought a place in Honey Creek Township. That was their home for a number of years, finally moving to a farm in Ellington Township and ten years ago retiring to the Village of Fowler. Mr. Schroeder is now seventy years of age and his wife several years younger. Both are members of the Evangelical Church. Politically he is a republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Disselhorst have had three children: Walter F., who died at the age of two years seven months; Florence Marian, born August 7, 1908, now in the fifth grade of the common schools; and Mildred Laura, born August 14, 1913. The family are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Fowler, of which Mr. Disselhorst is a trustee. Politically he votes as a republican.

**JOSEPH HALEY.** One of the well known farms of Gilmer Township is the old Myers place, situated at the west edge of the old county seat of Columbus, and now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haley. Mrs. Haley is a daughter of the late Jacob T. Myers and is a member of that well known Myers family whose history and record through the different generations has been detailed on other pages of this publication.

Before her marriage Mrs. Haley was Anna Myers. She was born in this county March 20, 1859, and on November 11, 1885, became the wife of Joseph Haley. Mr. Haley was born in York County, Pennsylvania, March 1, 1857, and has lived in Illinois since 1880. All his active career he has spent as a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Haley have four children: Ida Jane, wife of Elmer Powell, living at Philadelphia in Marion County, Missouri; Luella, Mrs. Walter Herron, of LaPrairie, Illinois; Oscar, at home; and Nina, Mrs. Ed Thomas, of this county.

The father of Mrs. Haley, Jacob Myers, spent the last three years of his life on the farm where the Haleys now live. After his second marriage his second wife lived here and was cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Haley, and she left the farm to them at her death. Mr. and Mrs. Haley are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, are identified with the Red Cross, and Mr. Haley is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen.

**ALBERT R. BUSH.** One of Quincy's oldest and most substantial industries is the Bush Foundry and Metal Wheel Works. It is a business which was established on a small scale and gradually developed to larger scope and importance by Clement Bush, and is still continued under the active management of his sons, his son Albert R. having the official title of manager.

The founder of this business during the past eight or nine years lived retired and spent most of his time in California. Clement Bush was a man whose character and abilities meant much to Quincy and his name will always have a worthy place in its history. He was born in Bitton, near Bristol, England, in 1838, son of John Nash and Marcia (Ford) Bush. His father was a blacksmith and foundryman, and died at the age of eighty-two, and the mother passed away at sixty-five. At the age of twelve Clement Bush had all the schooling that he was permitted to enjoy and began earning his own living. At fourteen he was an apprentice in a foundry and two years later, in 1857, came to America. He first located at Seneca Falls in New York, working with a foundry there for two years, and subsequently in a foundry at Auburn, New York, for two and a half years. In 1861, having had some four years of active experience in

the United States, he returned to England and in 1863 became proprietor of a foundry near Bristol. He continued in this business for seventeen years, and while it was a prosperous establishment he lost most of his fortune through misplaced investments. In order to recover under new and more auspicious circumstances what he had lost he came to America, living at Montreal, Canada, for two years and working in the shops of the Grand Trunk Railway. Because his wife had a distaste for the rigorous northern winters Clement Bush came to Quincy in 1884. He was led to locate here largely through the influence of the Young Men's Business Association. For two years he took charge of the foundry of Wright & Adams on Front and Broadway, and then rented the foundry and operated it on his own account for three years. In 1890 he established a new business on Broadway on a lot which he bought, and after nine years he enlarged his plant by the addition of metal wheel works. His industry grew, his pay roll increased in number of workmen and aggregate sums paid out and more and more his products had a wider distribution and reputation. In one branch of his industry he specialized in the manufacture of Bush wheels for farm wagons. He was also a stockholder in the Quincy Engine Works. About eight years ago Mr. Clement Bush retired from business and made his home at Long Beach, California, where his death occurred May 27, 1918. He married in 1865 Ellen Lockley Woodland, whose father, Richard R. Woodland, was an attorney at Bristol, England. Mr. Bush was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife on May 11, 1903, after they had been happily married for nearly forty years. Five children were born to their marriage: Clement J., who was born November 18, 1866, and has long been identified with his father's business; Albert Richard; Frank A., also of the Bush Foundry; Blanche E., wife of Thomas C. Hughes, of Herscher, Illinois; and Florence, wife of Lionel Hiles, of Seattle, Washington.

Albert Richard Bush was born at Bristol, England, November 18, 1872, and was about sixteen years of age when his parents came to the United States. He received his first advantages in the schools of his native country, and about the time his father came to Quincy he began learning the general foundry business. This he has followed actively all his career and always in association with his father. He took the general management of the plant when his father retired and has kept it up to the same high standard of workmanship and output that everything bearing the name of Clement Bush has always enjoyed.

Mr. A. R. Bush is a democrat, member of the Masonic Order and Knights of Pythias, and was reared in the Episcopal Church. November 19, 1898, he married Miss Anna Meyers, a native of Quincy. They have a family of six children: Harold Lockley, Donald Clement, Grace Lillian, Albert Richard, Jr., Derrick Sidney and Roger Roland.

GEORGE MCADAMS was born in Ursa Township and during his active career has made his presence known and felt through a long experience and service as a grain buyer and grain dealer. With grain elevators at Ursa and Rock Creek on the Burlington Road, he handles a considerable share of the grain raised and shipped out of Adams County.

A number of interesting changes have occurred in the methods of marketing grain. Up to about forty-five years ago all the grain raised in Ursa and that section of the county was brought on wagons to the Quincy mills by individual farmers. About 1877 William Lemmon began arranging with some of the farmers to bring their grain to the station at Ursa and load directly from the wagon into the cars on the track. As a track buyer he was succeeded by John H. James, who was employed for a number of years by the Dick Brothers Milling Company on a salary. In 1902 Mr. James and Mr. George McAdams bought the interests of the Dick Brothers, and in order the better to handle the grain and give themselves and the farmers a broader market they built an elevator at Ursa. In the same year Mr. McAdams built the Rock Creek elevator



on his own account. September 9, 1909, the interests of Mr. James passed by purchase to Mr. George McAdams, and since then the latter has been proprietor and manager of both elevators. Through these elevators he handles most of the surplus grain raised in the surrounding agricultural community, and ships extensively to the Chicago and St. Louis markets, and also occasionally to Peoria and Quincy. Corn and wheat with some oats comprise practically all the grain that goes through the elevators. Mr. McAdams handles an immense volume of the grain trade in the county.

He was born in Ursa Township in 1863, and was reared and educated in that locality, completing his education by a course in Carthage College and graduating from the Gem City Business College in Quincy. He is widely known over Adams County not only because of his operations as a grain dealer but also through his capable service for four years as county treasurer. He was elected to this office in 1894, at the age of thirty years. For eight years he was also supervisor of Ursa Township.

His father, William McAdams, was born in Logan County, Kentucky, August 1, 1815, of Scotch ancestry. He was a pioneer in Adams County, settling here in November, 1835. On May 1, 1838, he married Miss Elizabeth Taylor, also a native of Kentucky. William McAdams acquired a fine estate of over 300 acres in section 18 of Ursa Township, and for some years was one of the prominent farmers of that section. He was a democrat in politics and a member of the Christian Church. He died on the farm at the age of seventy-six and his wife at fifty-seven. They were the parents of four sons and four daughters. The only ones now living are, George and his brother John, the latter of whom lives in Quincy retired from active business.

Mr. George McAdams married in Adams County Miss Blanche K. Leachman, who was born at Ursa and educated in the public schools. She is a member of the old and prominent Leachman family of Ursa Township. The Leachmans originated in Virginia, from there went to Kentucky, and came to Adams County in 1835. Mrs. McAdams' parents were James and Lucy (Selby) Leachman, who spent all their lives in Ursa Township, where her father died at the age of sixty-two and her mother at fifty-six. Her father was a democrat, but in later years was an ardent prohibitionist, and both he and his wife were members of the Christian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. McAdams have two sons. William Chauncey, was born in 1896, was educated in the schools of Ursa and Quincy and is now assisting his father in business. The younger son, George Eugene, born in 1909, is attending public school at Quincy. The family attend the Christian Church, of which Mrs. McAdams is an active member. Mr. McAdams is a director of the Ricker National Bank of Quincy.

JOSEPH NICHOLAS TIBESAR, a retired business man of Quincy, is one of the striking personalities in local citizenship. He comes of an old and prominent family of Western Europe, long identified with some of the districts in the immediate war zone of the recent conflict, and as a youth there he was liberally educated, had a thorough technical training, and has always been a student as well as a practical man of affairs. He not only inherits the intellectual qualifications of his ancestors but also their splendid physical stature and manhood.

Mr. Tibesar was born in the Duchy of Luxemburg February 14, 1859. His father, Maximillian Tibesar, was born in Belgium in 1808, and for generations the family had lived in and around Brussels. Maximillian married Mary Schleimer, of Luxemburg, where she was born in 1824. Her father was a native of the same Grand Duchy and had served as a soldier under Napoleon the First. Maximillian Tibesar after his marriage settled in the Belgium district known as the Walloon and later lived in Luxemburg on a farm estate. He died in 1861 and his wife in 1879. Both branches of the family were Catholics.

Joseph Nicholas Tibesar acquired a liberal training in the schools in Europe, and was given a thorough technical apprenticeship in blast furnace and the iron works trade. He was superintendent of a large furnace plant on the border between France and Belgium. At the age of twenty-five he was granted a two years vacation for the purpose of acquainting himself with the most improved technical methods of the iron industry. In 1884 he went to England to look over the iron districts of that country and later in the same year came to America, through New York and on to South Bend, Indiana, where some cousins were connected with Notre Dame University as instructors. He himself enrolled as a student there, taking a course in elocution under Charles W. Stoddard and studied chemistry under Professor Zahm. Later for a time he was in Chicago and from there came to Quincy and was a student in St. Francis College. A year later he was made a professor in that institution, teaching French, chemistry, mathematics and natural sciences. For six years he was one of the men who gave strength and prestige to the faculty of St. Francis College. He then entered business as a grocer, and in 1898 joined the Blomer & Michael Packing Company. In 1900 he became a member of the Wholesale Quincy Grocery Company and represented that house four years. He then went back to the packing company and continued with it until fire destroyed the plant on February 14, 1913. Since then Mr. Tibesar has been practically retired from business, and enjoys the comforts of a fine home at the corner of Vine and Fifteenth streets.

After coming to Quincy Mr. Tibesar married Miss Christina Blomer. She was born in Quincy in 1872, and is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy and was liberally educated in music. Her father was Henry Blomer, a prominent figure in Quincy affairs to whom further reference is made on other pages. Mr. and Mrs. Tibesar are the parents of eight children: Maria, who was educated in St. Mary's Academy and took special work in music; Agnes, a graduate of St. Mary's Academy in the commercial course; Leopold, who graduated from St. Francis College with the degrees A. B. and A. M., and is now preparing for the priesthood in a Catholic seminary; Cyril, a graduate of high school and now a pharmacist student; Maurice, a student in St. Francis College; Norbert and Sevrin, both in St. Francis parochial schools; and Octavia. The family are all members of St. Francis Catholic Church.

**WILLIAM CLARK CHATTEN.** Of the old American families in Adams County one that is conspicuous for the high character of its members and what they have done to improve this region from pioneer times to the present is represented by William Clark Chatten of Riverside Township.

Mr. Chatten was born in this county June 17, 1860, the youngest of five children, and the only son of Clark and Abigail (Brown) Chatten. He has three sisters still living. Elizabeth, residing in Riverside Township and mother of three children, is the widow of Isaac Shinn, a former attorney of Quincy; Anna is the widow of Frank Chapman. She lives in Quincy, and has two children. Lucy is the wife of William Bywater, a gardener and grower of small fruit in Riverside Township. They have two children.

Clark Chatten, the elder, was born in the State of New Jersey July 10, 1813. He grew to manhood there, had a common school education, and on coming to the west sought a home in Fall Creek Township of Adams County. Around his log cabin home in the early days the wolves howled and the deer ran fearlessly, and even an occasional Indian prowled among the brush. From Fall Creek Clark Chatten moved to Riverside Township and bought the old Fair Ground property. There he lived until his death and accumulated a farm of 300 acres. This land was sold after his death and the property divided among his children. He was a republican, but began voting as an old-line whig. He showed a special interest in public schools and education, and he and his wife were active members of the Methodist Church. He was one of the pioneer



fruit growers of the county and the fruit from his farm were awarded a number of medals in the Fruit Growers Convention and the State Fair. His death occurred in Fall Creek Township, and his children erected a handsome monument to him and his wife. His wife was born in Essex County, Massachusetts, October 29, 1819, and died February 14, 1903, having survived her husband nearly thirty years. Clark Chatten died July 2, 1874.

William Clark Chatten grew up in Adams County and most of his knowledge of men and affairs is the product of his own learning, though he attended the common schools during his youth.

On September 8, 1885, Mr. Chatten married Miss Carrie P. Edwards. Mrs. Chatten was born in Adams County October 19, 1868, sixth among the seven children of Paul and Mary Ellen (Platt) Edwards. Of this family there was only one son. Mrs. Chatten was educated in the common schools and in the thirty-three years since her marriage she has stood faithfully beside her husband in co-operating with him in business and at the same time has been a splendid homemaker and her children have found in her their best friend and counselor.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chatten were born six children, four sons and two daughters. Five of them are still living. Lollie Belle, the oldest, received her training in the township schools and also took musical instruction. She is now the wife of Ernest Wisman, a cattle and hog farmer in Riverside Township. They have a daughter, Mildred, who is now in school and has shown much musical talent. The second child is Walter C., who was educated in the public schools and in the National Business College and is now connected with the International Harvester Company. He married Miss Anna Thomas, and they have two children, Beulah Marie and James William. Beulah Marie is a student in the public schools and has also taken instruction in music. James William is attending the Webster School. Walter C. Chatten is a republican voter. Paul Glenwood Chatten is a well known citizen of Adams County, a practical fruit grower, and is manager of his father's estate. He resides in a modern cottage which his father built on the home farm near their own home. Paul Glenwood married Miss Edith McIntyre. The fourth of the family is Frank William Chatten, who was educated in the common schools and in the Musselman Business College, is a republican voter and married Miss Addie Thomas and resides in Riverside Township. Ernest Marion, the youngest, was educated in the common schools and spent two years in the Gem City Business College.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Chatten started farming in Riverside Township, and went in debt for their first property. They worked hard and as the fruit of their long continued efforts now have an estate of sixty acres in Riverside Township and forty acres in Ellington Township. Mr. Chatten was able to buy the sixty acres in Riverside Township largely through the savings of his wages earned as a farmer. Though they began life in debt, today they possess vastly more assets than liabilities, and have also reared a capable family. Theirs is one of the most beautiful fruit farms in Riverside Township. It is appropriately known as Orchard Home Fruit Farm. Mr. Chatten is a republican in politics but has never sought any official distinctions. He takes an active interest in the Farm Improvement Association and the Apple Growers Association, and is looked upon as an authority on the subjects connected with the growing and handling of fruit. Mr. and Mrs. Chatten have a fine home, which means more to them than anything else in the world, and they are also able to enjoy their friends both near and at a distance by means of their five passenger Nash touring car.

HENRY H. MOLLER, who died at Quincy, was for many years one of the leading figures in the city's lumber interests.

He was born at St. Louis, Missouri, May 29, 1848, and was eight years of age when his parents settled in Quincy in 1856. He had a fair education and

early in life learned to rely upon himself as a means of advancement in the world. Perhaps his first position was with the Ricker Bank, where he remained four years. Later he worked in the planing mill of Menke & Grimm, and followed several other occupations for a time. On July 1, 1875, the lumber firm of Moller & Vanden Boom was organized, and thereafter Mr. Moller remained its senior partner and had much to do with the upbuilding of its business. The firm conducted four large lumber yards in Quincy and also had an extensive wholesale trade to nearly all the towns and cities in the Quincy territory.

Mr. Moller was always an unselfish citizen, willing to devote his times and means to the encouragement of worthy local enterprises, and for five years was a member of the board of supervisors. He also served as chairman of the poor farm committee and in many ways sought to improve that county institution. On January 10, 1871, he married Miss Louisa Vanden Boom, and they became the parents of four sons and one daughter.

FRED E. MOLLER, who practically grew up in the lumber business under the supervision and direction of his father, the late Henry H. Moller, has made that industry the chief claim upon his time and energies through his mature manhood.

He was born at Quincy December 10, 1879, and received a good education in the parochial schools, St. Francis College and the Gem City Business College. He was only fourteen when he began working in the yards and around the offices of the firm of Moller & Vanden Boom, of which his father was senior partner, and out of experience and a natural adaptability to this special line of work has become one of the best known lumber dealers in the Mississippi Valley. He is now treasurer of Moller & Vanden Boom Company.

January 17, 1906, he married Miss Maude Binkert, a native of Quincy. They have two children: Lawrence, born November 14, 1907; and Mildred, born June 1, 1910. Mr. Moller is independent in politics and with his family worships in St. Boniface Catholic Church.

LOUIS AHLEMEIER during a brief lifetime of less than fifty years was regarded as one of the ablest and most successful farmers of Ellington Township, and a citizen whose name always stood for the best in public spirit and value to the community.

He was born on his father's farm in section 10 of Ellington Township December 15, 1861, and died there January 23, 1907. He grew up on the farm, and in 1900 succeeded to its ownership upon the death of his father, John. He owned 120 acres, constituting the homestead, and also acquired 160 acres in an adjoining section. These two farms he developed to a high degree of productiveness. Both were well tilled, well stocked, and each had a complete set of good farm buildings, including a seven room house and ample barns and other shelter. The land of these farms is rolling and well drained, and the estate is still undivided, held in trust for the children. The original eighty-acre homestead in section 10 is owned by Mrs. Ahlemeier. In 1910 she retired from the farm and has since lived in Quincy, owning a commodious brick home on South Fourteenth Street. Mr. Ahlemeier bought the 160-acre farm in section 9 a short time after the death of his father. The buildings on the original 120 acres in section 10 had been erected by his father.

Mr. Ahlemeier was a son of John and Mary (Brown) Ahlemeier, both natives of Germany. They came from Hanover and were married either just before they left that country or after they landed. They made the voyage on a sailing vessel, being seven weeks in crossing. They arrived in New Orleans and thence went up the Mississippi River to Quincy. For a time they rented land, and then bought the original eighty acres in section 10 of Ellington Township. This land was improved from the bare wilderness, and by hard work



they succeeded in providing liberally for their family and in making a good home. John Ahlemeier died there in 1900 and his wife in 1892. She was then sixty-one and he was in his eightieth year. Both were for many years active members of the Salem Lutheran Church at Ninth and State streets in Quincy. They were buried side by side in the Greenmount Lutheran Cemetery.

Louis Ahlemeier was the youngest of three children. His sister Amelia is the widow of Fred Henry Disselhorst and is now living at 813 South Fourteenth Street in Quincy. The other sister married Fred Peuster, a carpenter, living at the corner of Fifteenth and Payson Avenue in Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Peuster have two sons and two daughters, one of the sons being a soldier.

Louis Ahlemeier married September 29, 1891, Miss Sophia F. Drebes. She was born in Waldeck, Germany, February 10, 1872, and at the age of sixteen she and her sister Emma, then aged fourteen, crossed the ocean from Bremen, landing at Baltimore after a rapid passage of two weeks. They then came on to Quincy. Emma married John Schafter, and they now live on a farm in Missouri and have six children. A brother, Christ Drebes, was the first of the family to come to America, and he is a farmer near Palmyra, Missouri. He married Amelia Merker, and they have a family of eight children. A few months after Mrs. Ahlemeier came to this country her parents, John and Frederica (Krause) Drebes, followed her by the same route and located on a farm in Marion County, Missouri. The father is still living there at the age of eighty and is now in quite feeble health. Mrs. Ahlemeier's mother died in November, 1906, at the age of sixty-five. The Drebes were all Lutherans. The six children were: Christ; Mrs. Ahlemeier; Emma; Charles; Minnie, widow of Louis Peuster, of Palmyra, Missouri, and mother of two sons and two daughters; and Fred, a resident of Quincy, who is married and has a family of children.

Mrs. Ahlemeier is the mother of three children: Frederica A., who was educated in the Washington District schools in Ellington Township, is still at home; John W., aged twenty-one, still lives with his mother; Sophia A., aged seventeen, has completed her education and is also at home. All the family are regular attendants of the Salem Lutheran Church. Mr. Ahlemeier was a republican in politics.

**JOHN H. STEINER.** No one has done more to impress and influence the educational affairs of Adams County than John H. Steiner, the present county superintendent of schools. Mr. Steiner has made education his life work, is a native of Adams County, and his intense loyalty to all home institutions has pervaded his work at every point.

Mr. Steiner was born on a farm three and one-half miles northwest of Loraine in this county, January 5, 1874, the oldest of eight children of George M. and Elizabeth (Humphrey) Steiner. The family is one of the oldest and most highly respected in Adams County. The grandfather, Michael E., settled on the old homestead in 1836. George M., the father, was born here, while the mother was a native of Kentucky. George Steiner here laid the basis of his prosperity as a farmer. At his death, which occurred December 2, 1917, he was the owner of over 700 acres in Adams County. He organized the Loraine State Bank and for thirteen years, up to the time of his death, was the president.

John H. Steiner spent his early life on the farm and received his education in the public school. After completing the course in district school he graduated from Loraine High School in 1889 and in May, 1893, completed the course in Chaddock College in Quincy.

The next year he took up teaching, which was to be his vocation for life. He taught four years in the rural schools. He was for five years the principal of Coatsburg High School and for five years the principal of Jefferson School, the third largest school in Quincy, with thirteen teachers and enrollment of over 500 pupils. Having had training and experience all along the line, Mr.

Steiner understands the requirements of the rural school as well as the village and city schools, and has done much to improve and vitalize school work with respect to modern needs and conditions.

He was elected county superintendent of schools in 1910, with a majority of 1,194; re-elected in 1914 with a majority of 1,500; and re-elected 1918 with a majority of 1,668.

Mr. Steiner is a democrat in politics, is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Quincy Lodge No. 12; the Masonic Lodge in Loraine, and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason in Quincy.

On September 3, 1916, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Brosi, of Coatsburg. They have one child, George Brosi, born July 21, 1917.

**JACOB F. DAUGHERTY.** No name in Quincy stands for service that is more appreciated than that of Daugherty. Daugherty is in fact one of the oldest names of Adams County, and the people of this family have always been prominent as landholders, farmers, business men and citizens, but that of Jacob F. Daugherty is especially associated with the undertaking business. Some years ago it was said that no Protestant American had ever been able to set up a successful undertaking business in Quincy in competition with Mr. Daugherty. He was active in the business until 1908, when he turned the business over to his son. He has handled the funeral arrangements of more than 6,000 Quincy citizens in the past forty years.

Mr. Daugherty was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, not far from the City of Pittsburg, March 10, 1840, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Funk) Daugherty, both natives of Pennsylvania and the former of Scotch ancestry and the latter of German stock. Michael Daugherty brought his family to Illinois in 1851 and settled on a farm in Ursa Township of Adams County. Michael was a blacksmith by trade, but after coming to Adams County gave his time to agriculture and developed one of the finest farms of the county. He died here August 28, 1892, and his wife on June 14, 1900. He was eighty-two and his wife was nearly ninety-three when death came to them. They were the parents of nine children, two of whom died in infancy. John M., who succeeded to the ownership of the old Daugherty homestead, and the son James W., who lived in Oregon, both died in the year 1917. Mary, widow of Martin B. Kuhns, is still living in Adams County, Samuel is a resident of Gilpin, Colorado, Michael has his home in Oakland, California, and Nancy is the wife of W. H. Barr, of Medford, Oregon.

Brought to Adams County at the age of ten years Jacob F. Daugherty has by personal experience known the changing developments of this part of Western Illinois for over six decades. He grew up here on his father's pioneer farm and after his education in the local schools remained at home and assisted in its cultivation until he was about twenty-eight years old, at which time he moved to Quincy and engaged in the livery business for about five years, but in 1876 took up undertaking and embalming which he continued until his retirement. The business is still continued in his old location at 619 Maine Street, where it has been located over fifteen years and where the firm has some of the best equipped undertaking rooms found anywhere in the state. Mr. Daugherty has also for many years been interested in the monument business to which he has been giving his attention since 1908.

In 1862 Mr. Daugherty married Miss Louise Turner, daughter of John Turner, an old time citizen of Adams County. Six children were born to their marriage: Bertha, widow of F. B. Porter, of Quincy; Nellie, wife of A. M. Brown, of Quincy; Pauline and Leroy, both deceased; Arthur W., who is an undertaker and succeeded his father in the business; and Grace, wife of W. A. Bishop, of Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Daugherty is a democrat in politics and is an active member of the Vermont Street Baptist Church, which he has served as trustee, as chairman of the Board of Trustees and recently was elected to a life position as deacon.







*John Smith*



**JOSEPH J. FREIBURG.** An old and honored name in the business life of Quincy is that of Freiburg, and for more than half a century it has been identified with enterprises which have contributed to the prosperity and well being of the city. Its leading representative at the present time is Joseph J. Freiburg, who, it is the privilege of the publishers to note by way of grateful recognition, is one of the advisory editors of this publication.

His parents were Joseph J. and Elizabeth (Quinkert) Freiburg, both natives of Westphalia, Germany. They came to America and located at Quincy in 1866. The father was a cabinet maker by trade and followed that occupation until July 1, 1876, when with his brother Frederick he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. In 1892 Joseph J. Freiburg, Jr., bought the interests of his uncle, and the firm was continued as Joseph Freiburg & Son, though about that time they gave up the furniture department and concentrated all their efforts upon undertaking. This name continued until February 8, 1906, when at the death of the father Joseph J. Freiburg bought all the remaining interests in the business. Mrs. Joseph J. Freiburg, Sr., died July 28, 1917. They were the parents of eight children: Joseph J.; Henry J., deceased; Anna, wife of Frank Wachtel, of Quincy; Bernard J., deceased; Herman, associated with his brother in business; Mary, wife of Joseph H. Tushans, of St. Joseph, Missouri; Elizabeth and John, both deceased.

Joseph J. Freiburg was born at Quincy April 7, 1867, and this city has always claimed his loyalty as a resident and public spirited citizen. He lived at home, attended the parochial schools, and at the age of thirteen began working for his father. Later for two years he attended a local business college, and then entered the Clarke College of Embalming at Cincinnati. When he graduated from that institution he had the distinction of being the youngest man ever to receive a diploma in embalming from that school. After that he returned to Quincy and became associated with his father, but was also a co-worker with Professor Clarke in lecturing on anatomy and embalming from 1896 to 1905. About the latter time he assumed the entire responsibilities of the business, and he has made the name Freiburg synonymous with a perfect service in undertaking and embalming. He was the first to introduce auto hearses at Quincy, and has always studied to keep his equipment and service up to date.

November 25, 1890, Mr. Freiburg married Anna E. Brinkman. She was born at Quincy, daughter of W. M. and Elizabeth (Terlisner) Brinkman, her father a native of Germany and her mother a native of St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Freiburg enjoyed a happy marriage companionship for over a quarter of a century until her death on July 22, 1916. Seven children were born into their home. The oldest, Adelaide, is the wife of Rudolph J. Weltin, of Quincy. The other children, still at home, are Margaret, Gertrude, Odelia, Lucile, Edna and Marion.

As to politics Mr. Freiburg maintains an independent attitude. He is supreme treasurer of the Western Catholic Union, is active in the Knights of Columbus, is president of the Columbus Home Building Association, a member of Quincy Lodge of Elks, of the Rotary Club, the Quincy Ad Club, and is treasurer of the Big Lake Hunting and Fishing Club, an organization controlling 300 acres of fine game preserve. Mr. Freiburg and family worship in St. Boniface Catholic Church at Quincy.

**ROBERT A. ROCHESTER.** An active and conspicuous figure in the industrial life of Quincy, Robert A. Rochester has for nearly forty years been prominently associated with the advancement of the manufacturing interests of Adams County, and as superintendent of the American Straw Board Company has been instrumental in building up a business scarcely surpassed in this section of the country by any other of a like nature. A native of Illinois, he was born January 23, 1855, in Rockford, Winnebago County.

James Rochester, his father, was born and reared in England. Immigrating

when young to this country, he learned the miller's trade, which he followed until after the outbreak of the Civil war. Soon after that event he enlisted in the Union Army, joining the Second Missouri Cavalry, and died while in service. His wife, whose maiden name was Jane Hislop, was born in Scotland, and died in Rockford, Illinois. Of the nine children born of their union the subject of this brief sketch was the only boy.

Left fatherless when a child, Robert A. Rochester began life as a farm hand when but ten years of age, working hard during seed time and harvest, and attending the winter terms of school. When sixteen years old he entered a paper mill in Rockford, Illinois, and during the years that he remained there became thoroughly acquainted with the details of paper making, and an expert in the industry. In 1878 Mr. Rochester accepted a position with the American Paper Straw Board Company of Quincy, and has since served most acceptably as superintendent of the concern, devoting his time and energies to the duties devolving upon him in the position.

Mr. Rochester married in 1879 Mary Calkins, a native of Quincy, and they are the parents of two children, Bessie, wife of George Springer, of Beloit, Wisconsin, and Helen. Politically Mr. Rochester invariably supports the principles of the republican party. Fraternally he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

WILLIAM H. EBER. Fortified with the prestige of many years and by the enterprise of a family of unusual business talents, the Eber Seed Company is one of Quincy's oldest and best known commercial houses. At one time it was the only exclusive seed house in Quincy and the largest institution of its kind in the Middle West.

The founder of this business was the late William Eber, Sr., who died in April, 1910, after a residence of more than half a century in Quincy. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1829, and came to the United States twenty years later. For several years he lived in Pennsylvania and was in the clothing business while there. In 1856 he located at Quincy, and from 1861 to 1873 carried on a general grocery and seed business. From 1873 his entire time and attention was given to the fruit and seed business and to developing a supply house for garden and farm seeds. His business partner and associate until 1868 was Mr. Charles A. Koennecke, and later the firm was conducted as Eber & Walters. In 1885 William Eber, Sr., took in William H. Eber as business associate, and the firm was William Eber & Son until after his death. His success was not only due to specializing in one line, but also to the integrity and character which he put into all his work. William Eber, Sr., was eighty-one years of age when he died. His death occurred at his home 2608 Maine Street, having erected that residence for his family some years before his death.

In 1856 William Eber, Sr., married Susan Eber, who was also born in Bavaria, Germany, but was not related to the family of her husband. She came when a young woman to the United States by way of New York and located at Quincy, where her parents lived and died. Both the Eber families were Protestants in religion. Mrs. William Eber is still living in Quincy at the age of eighty-four. She and her husband were married in and were always faithful members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Nine children were born to them, two of whom died in infancy. The other children were named William, Eugene, Emma, Sophia, Sadie, Fredericka and Nellie. The son Eugene died at the age of fifty years. They all reside at the old family home. Sadie is secretary of the Eber Seed Company.

William H. Eber, who is now president and treasurer of the Eber Seed Company, was born in Quincy in 1863 and was educated in the city schools and the Gem City Business College. At the age of sixteen he went to work for his father and in 1885 was taken into partnership under the name William Eber & Son. In 1912 the business was incorporated, with Mr. Eber as president and



treasurer and his sister Sadie as secretary. They have a large store at 234-236 North Sixth Avenue and Vermont Street, the building being 40 by 75 feet. This has been occupied by the firm since 1900. It is still continued on the plan established by the father of the family, and is both a wholesale and retail seed house.

OSMON B. GORDON. Inheriting in no small measure the many virtues and excellent habits of his sturdy New England ancestors, Osmon B. Gordon, of Quincy, holds a position of prominence and influence among the substantial business men of the city, and as a member of the Gordon Shoe Company is an important factor in advancing its mercantile interests. He was born July 7, 1845, in Fremont, New Hampshire, a son of Rev. Loren H. and Elizabeth A. Gordon, on the maternal side of the family being of the same lineage as John Quincy Adams, their immigrant ancestor having been the same. His father, who for fifty years was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Conference, came to Adams County, Illinois, with his family in 1860, and was for some time engaged in the shoe business in Quincy, but later was a Bible agent. Both he and his wife died in Quincy.

Completing his early education in the Quincy public schools and college, Osmon B. Gordon obtained his first knowledge of mercantile pursuits in his father's store. In August, 1867, he accepted a position as traveling salesman for the shoe store of C. Brown, Jr., & Company, and in 1872, having proved himself capable and efficient, he acquired an interest in the business. In 1878 Mr. Gordon formed a partnership with Mr. Upham, and the firm of Upham & Gordon purchased the stock and good will of C. Brown, Jr., & Company, who retired from active pursuits. The business of the new firm rapidly increased, and owing to its demands was transferred from Hampshire Street to its present commodious quarters on Third Street. In 1909 Mr. Gordon, with characteristic enterprise, took over Mr. Upham's interest, and has since conducted an extensive and remunerative business, the Gordon Shoe Company being one of the more prosperous and busy firms of Quincy.

Mr. Gordon has been twice married. He married first Elvira A. Wright, who spent her entire life in Quincy, her death occurring February 6, 1881. Mr. Gordon married for his second wife, June 23, 1887, Harriet E. Adams, and they have one son, Osmon B. Gordon, Jr., who is associated with his father, they being sole owners of the Gordon Shoe Company. Mr. Gordon is now serving as president of the Gem City Building & Loan Association, and is also president of both the Woodland Home and the Anna Brown Home for the Aged. Religiously he is a member of the Congregational Church, of which he is the treasurer.

WILLIAM SCHLINKMAN. Quincy's well known business men include William Schlinkman, who has for over twenty years been in the drug business, is one of the ablest pharmacists of the city, and has gained a large trade and a large business through his well directed efforts. He has been established at 900 South Eighth Street since 1896. Mr. Schlinkman is a registered pharmacist and graduated from the Chicago School of Pharmacy in 1896. He is a thoroughly practical man in his business, and his store is one of the real mediums of service in the city. In connection he operates an ice cream plant and manufactures about 4,000 gallons of ice cream every year.

Mr. Schlinkman was born in Quincy February 23, 1872, and was reared and educated here, attending the city public schools and high school. He entered his present business through the avenue of drug clerk, and thus had a practical foundation before he entered a school of pharmacy.

His parents were Henry and Hannah (Beck) Schlinkman, both natives of Germany. They married in the old country and three of their children were born there. While they were on the ocean, ten weeks en route, another child

was born. They came immediately to Quincy and located their home at the corner of Twelfth and Monroe streets. Here they lived long and useful lives, and the father died in March, 1900, when past seventy, and his widow died in 1888 when about the same age. They were members of the Salem Lutheran Church and in politics he was a republican. In their family were twelve children, eight daughters and four sons, all of whom grew to maturity. Julia is the wife of Jack Russell, of St. Louis. Anna is the deceased wife of William Reed. Rica married Frank Little, and they live in Quincy and have a family of sons and daughters. Lizzie married James Blades, of Quincy. Minnie and Emma both died of pneumonia about the same time, their respective ages being twenty-four and twenty-six. The next in the family is William. Henry was a Quincy business man, now deceased, and left two children. Bertha is the wife of Henry Kalber, of Quincy, and has a family of children. Clara died leaving a son and daughter. Herman lives in Wyoming and is a rancher. Edward, also unmarried, lives at Quincy.

In 1902 William Schlinkman married at Quincy Miss Lulu Fredericks. She was born in Quincy, and was reared and educated here. Her father, Henry Fredericks, is still in business and is the oldest cigar manufacturer in Quincy. He was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1836, came to America in 1864, and arrived in Quincy in March, 1866. On May 25, 1871, he married Anna Grimmer, who was born in Westphalia February 3, 1850, and came to Quincy with her parents in 1855.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlinkman have a daughter, Margaret L., who was born in 1903, in the building where her father now has his drug business. She is a student in the Quincy High School, and plans to complete her education in the State University. The family are members of the Salem Lutheran Church and Mr. Schlinkman is a republican.

**LEWIS L. BOYER.** There is hardly an official position in which are concentrated more of the vital interests of the public than that of superintendent of highways. The business of making roads is one of the first if not the first community improvement undertaken by the people of a new district. Next after making their rude log cabins the pioneers busied themselves with blazing trails through the forests, constructing corduroy roads through the swamps and devising means to get across the creeks and rivers. There has been no cessation in that work since those early beginnings. Adams County, like other counties in Illinois, has far from reached an ideal perfection of roads and highways, and in former years it suffered from the haphazard and loose system or lack of system which left road making to the individual enterprise of townships or other smaller localities, without any centralized supervision or plan.

In 1913 there was created the office of superintendent of highways for the purpose of providing a centralized authority through which a general plan of county highways might be devised, and through which efforts and money might be expended systematically to realize the greatest benefits to the greatest numbers. To fill this office a young man of great energy and thorough technical qualifications was selected, Lewis L. Boyer, a civil engineer and a man thoroughly alive to the needs and responsibilities of his office. He entered upon his duties in March, 1917, and has already done much to justify the expectations of his supporters. Adams County has 1,650 miles of highways of all kinds, and has 287 miles of what is known as standard highways, and of these more than 100 miles are in the state highway system, including three roads which converge at Quincy. These state highways in particular will be recipients of some share of the recently passed \$60,000,000 bond issue. Improvements on all the important highways in the county, so far as means justified, have been energetically pushed by Mr. Boyer. He has drawn up a standard road map of Adams County, which tells at a glance the highway situation, and is of invaluable aid to all interested in the public road situation. In 1917 he also laid out a system of roads, 135 miles in length, which it is supposed shall be improved with macadam



or concrete or other forms of permanent construction. Adams County has 3,000 bridges and culverts, 1,000 of them being of concrete construction, and ninety bridges are of more than 100-foot span.

Mr. Boyer was born in Richfield Township of this county May 19, 1885, and was elected to his present office from Liberty Township. He attended the public schools to the age of sixteen, and at the age of eighteen qualified as a teacher. He taught in the Douglas School two years, one year in the Franklin School, three years at Pin Oak and five years was principal at Liberty. Every summer he attended Normal School, and received a supervisory certificate. Besides perfecting himself in the branches which would better qualify him for teaching he also studied engineering, and was thus well qualified for the technical as well as the administrative features of his present work.

Mr. Boyer is a son of John and Louisa (Koetzle) Boyer, both natives of this state. They were married in Liberty Township, and occupied their old home there until four years ago, when they moved to the Village of Liberty, where they are now living. Mrs. John Boyer is a member of the Lutheran Church. Besides Lewis L. they had a son Chester A., who died of influenza in November, 1918. He lived in Iowa and was a commercial salesman for Swift & Company. He married and his son Robert is three years old. Roscoe L. Boyer lives in Quincy, where he sells agricultural implements and Ford automobiles. Harvey died at the age of nine months. Robert E. is a rural school teacher in Fall Creek Township of this county. He married in November, 1918.

In Liberty Township Lewis L. Boyer married Miss Effie Proctor, who was born in Adams County in 1889, and was reared and educated here. At the age of eighteen she also was certified to teach school, and taught in the rural districts for several years and for five years was connected with the Liberty public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer have one son, John, born in November, 1915. Mr. Boyer married for his first wife in Liberty Township Miss Nettie Brubaker, daughter of Rev. David Brubaker, a minister of the United Brethren Church now living in Ohio. Nettie Brubaker was born in Westerville, Ohio, in 1886. She died eleven months after her marriage.

Mrs. Boyer is a member of the Baptist Church while Mr. Boyer is active in the Christian denomination, being choir leader, Sunday school teacher and otherwise interested. He is affiliated with Bodley Lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and was formerly its secretary, and is affiliated with the Eastern Star, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Rebekahs, the Eagles, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Adams County Mutual. In politics he is a democrat.

**JACKSON R. PEARCE.** The present generation at least need no enlightenment as to who Mr. Jackson R. Pearce is or the position he has held in the community for many years. His protracted services as county clerk of Adams County brought him the acquaintance of practically every local citizen, and since leaving that office his career has been distinguished by able administration of business affairs and banking. He is vice president of the Ricker National Bank of Quincy.

He came into the larger public notice of the county after a youth spent on the farm in Houston Township. He was born there October 28, 1862, son of Augustus F. and Mary E. (Woods) Pearce, the former a native of a Kentucky and the latter of Illinois. The Pearce family came to Adams County in 1851, and Augustus Pearce was for many years an agriculturist in section 23 of Houston Township. There were eight children: Jackson R.; Martha, wife of James Miller, of Augusta, Illinois; Samuel O., a resident of Chicago; Sarah A., wife of William J. Cromwell, of Adams County; and four who died in infancy.

The first eighteen years of his life Jackson R. Pearce spent at home, working on a farm while attending the district schools. For two years he himself was a teacher and then entered merchandising. In 1882 he became a general merchant, dealer in grain and agricultural implements at Chatten, the postoffice center of

his old country home. In the fall of 1890 he came to Quincy and began work in the county clerk's office on October 23d, and in December was appointed deputy county clerk. He filled that office under several administrations, and in 1898 he himself was elected county clerk. His tenure of that office was continued by the voters of Adams County through twelve successive years. He then resumed active control of his various business affairs and for several years has been vice president of the Ricker National Bank. He is also a director of the Farmers National Life Insurance Company of Chicago, and of the Gem City Building and Loan Association.

In politics Mr. Pearce has always been identified with the democratic party. He has acquitted himself creditably as chairman of the local exemption board. All the demands placed upon him for the support of war activities have been generously met. He is also president of the Board of Trustees of the Chaddock Boys' School, and is a director of the Quincy Y. M. C. A. He is a steward in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic, Odd Fellows and Elks fraternities.

Mr. Pearce is more than willing to merge his own achievements in his pride for his children. September 15, 1884, he married Miss Elizabeth McGinnis, a native of Adams County, and daughter of Solomon W. and Mary (Fiefield) McGinnis, now deceased. The oldest of the three children of Mr. and Mrs. Pearce is Dr. Warren Frederick, born August 9, 1885. As a young physician and surgeon he became interested in military affairs, was senior surgeon of the Quincy Naval Reserves, United States naval surgeon on the reserve list, and on April 8, 1917, was ordered out as senior surgeon on the flagship of a fleet of war vessels. Later he was returned to land duty, was made executive of a base hospital in France, and at the close of the war was in command of a naval base. Only second to the achievements of the boys in the trenches has been the wonderful service rendered by the army surgeons, and in the glory attaching to this branch of modern warfare Doctor Pearce has his own special credit.

The two daughters of Mr. Pearce are Nina May and Edna Ruth. Nina May is the wife of Bert E. Chatten, of Quincy. Edna Ruth is a graduate of Knox College at Galesburg, and is now industrial secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Detroit, Michigan.

HERMAN E. NELSON. One of the popular young business men of Quincy is Herman E. Nelson, who is well known in the motion picture world and as the manager of the leading motion picture theaters in this city. He is the oldest continuous man in the business at Quincy. He has been identified with pictures since his school period ended and few phases of the industry are unknown facts to him.

Herman E. Nelson was born at Sioux City, Iowa, November 17, 1890. His parents are Edward and Mary (Davidson) Nelson, both of whom were born in Norway. Edward Nelson came to the United States and located at Sioux City, Iowa, when a young man and for a number of years was a building contractor there. At present he fills a very responsible position, that of overseer of the construction of all buildings for the J. Deere Plow Company at Ottumwa, Iowa. Of his seven children, Herman E. is the fourth in order of birth, the others being: Norman, who is associated with his father at Ottumwa; May, who is the wife of Edward Earle, of Ottumwa, Iowa; Arthur, who is well known on the vaudeville stage; Alice, who resides at home; Roy, who is interested at Hannibal, Missouri; and Esther, who lives with her parents.

Herman E. Nelson became first interested in his present line of business at Ottumwa, Iowa, and afterward spent a year at Galesburg, Illinois, as film operator and assistant manager. In 1910 he came to Quincy as manager of the Colonial Theater and then took over the Colonnade Theater, which he bought in association with William A. Schwindeler, when they named it the Star, and it is a comfortable and attractive playhouse. Mr. Nelson was one of the organizers



of the Belasco Theater Company. He is interested financially in this house also with Mr. W. A. Schwindeler and Will H. Sohm.

Mr. Nelson was married June 24, 1913, to Miss Rose Weltin, of Quincy, and they have two children: Rose Mary, who was born in April, 1914; and Edward, who was born January 17, 1916.

While the general name applied to the motion picture business may be "amusement," it is not amusement from every angle and, in fact, is a very serious enterprise from the standpoint of both owners and managers. This industry that has so rapidly developed and extended over the world has become almost one of the indispensable elements of modern life. This art has opened so many doors to knowledge and enjoyment that it is to be hoped no censor nor any national calamity will ever do away with it. In the management of the Quincy houses Mr. Nelson has not only shown himself a capable man of business, but one who is careful to present only the best and most artistic productions.

**RUPP BROTHERS & COMPANY.** This firm is probably the oldest institution at Quincy to exemplify in practical and commercial ways the conservation principle concerning which so much is now heard on all sides. It is no longer considered a virtue even in America to throw away and waste valuable material. Rupp Brothers & Company for nearly half a century have been using and utilizing what the public throws away and counts as waste. The founders of the business, following the custom of junk dealers from time immemorial, traveled about over Quincy territory gathering up their materials with a poor horse and wagon. Today Rupp Brothers & Company are responsible for the largest tonnage that goes out of Quincy on the railroads, and most of their material has right of way on the roads as preferred traffic for government use.

The new plant of the company recently established at Walton Heights in East Quincy, with ready access and traffic facilities from the Burlington Railroad, represents the last word in the construction of a plant of this kind. The machinery for loading and unloading comprises several magnet cranes capable of lifting ten tons of iron at a time. They have also installed wonderful breaking and cutting devices for preparing the metal for shipment and subsequent use. Large boiler irons are cut up rapidly by an acid heating device which practically melts away the heavy iron by simple contact. The company employs about eighty people all the time, and their sales run into several hundred thousand dollars annually. All of this is merely suggested as items to show the remarkable development of a business which started on the simplest scale.

An old Quincy directory of forty years ago indicates the name of the firm as George Rupp & Brother, Junk Store, at Broadway, corner of 18th Street. The founders of the business were George and his brother Fred, both natives of Nassau, Prussia. George was born in 1842, and he and his brother came to the United States in 1867, locating at Quincy after coming up the Mississippi River from New Orleans. Both were poor young men in a strange land, and one of the first means they found to earn a living was selling mustard. They also worked on farms, and in 1870, having managed to acquire a horse and covered wagon, they started out buying iron and other products, and from that business both became wealthy. From the original location of 18th and Broadway they moved to 12th and Broadway, and about 1885 took over a property at 100 to 112 North 10th Street, where the business was located until the Walton Heights plant was occupied. The business was incorporated in 1894. George and Fred Rupp were esteemed business men and citizens of Quincy for nearly half a century. George Rupp died here in 1909 and his brother Fred in August, 1917. Their widows are still living.

George Rupp married in 1872 Elizabeth Reuming, a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is still living at the age of sixty-seven. George Rupp was a Catholic and independent in politics. He and his wife had five sons and five daughters, all of the sons living and four of them married. The president of

the company is Mr. Fred Rupp, and George A. is secretary and treasurer. At Walton Heights the company has acquired four acres of ground for their large buildings. They also operate three branch houses, one at Hannibal, Missouri, one at Moberly, Missouri, and other at Chillicothe, Illinois. They have an extensive system of reaching out into the various districts, having two men covering Illinois as buyers and six men in other fields. The average shipment from Quincy amounts to over 120 cars a month or 1,500 cars per year. While most of the product handled is iron, they are also collecting large amounts of paper and rags and have electric presses which put this material into large bales for shipment.

Fred and George A. Rupp were both born in Quincy and both attended the high school and the Gem City Business College. Of these two brothers Fred is the only one married. He married Anna Schupp, who was born and educated in Quincy, daughter of Charles Schupp, a native of Germany. Charles Schupp married Miss Charlotte Schupp, who is still living at the age of sixty-seven. Fred Rupp and wife have had the following children: Virgil, a student in St. Francis College; Marion, who died in 1918, at the age of sixteen; Omer, Dorothy, Celeste, Anna, Maria and Lawrence. The Rupp brothers and their respective families are all Catholics, and they are affiliated with the Knights of Columbus.

C. HENRY WURST. Any business that can live, grow and prosper for more than half a century has beyond all doubt proved its usefulness and service, and possesses elements that make it a real institution of any community. The vitality of such a business, and the quality of the service rendered, are largely a matter of personal effectiveness. To live so many years a business must depend upon the loyalty, faithfulness, industry and good judgment of its personal factors.

Such an institution at Quincy is the C. H. Wurst Company at Seventh and State streets. It is one of the largest general hardware concerns in Western Illinois, but far more interesting than its material equipment and growth are the individuals who founded and have kept up its vitality to the present day.

It was established by the late Christian Gottlob Wurst, who, though he passed from the living more than thirty-five years ago, is still remembered by many Quincy people as a scholar and thorough business man, a complete exemplification of the old time merchant, with his punctual habits, diligence, and complete integrity of character. It was characteristic of this gentleman of the old school that he should keep a diary, and from that diary the story of his life from childhood has been told.

Christian Gottlob Wurst was the son of a schoolmaster at Sulzbach, Wurtemberg, Germany. When a small boy he was left fatherless. The burden of caring for the family fell on an older brother, who had completed his studies and become a schoolmaster before the father's death. This brother not only helped to provide for his younger brother, but supervised his education, teaching him the elementary branches during the long evenings.

When Christian reached the age of fourteen it was decided that he should learn the tinner's trade. For a number of years therefore he traveled about Germany, securing work wherever possible, and in 1850 received his diploma as a finished tinsmith.

November 17, 1853, he left Bremen on the ship Carolina, arriving in New York six weeks later. Here he worked in a number of shops until April, 1855, when he decided to go west to Oquawka, Illinois, county seat of Henderson County, where a New York acquaintance had referred him to two friends. His diary states that he had \$27 in gold and good, warm clothing when he left New York. He found Oquawka to be a thriving city of about 1,000 inhabitants. Here he learned the English language.

In the fall of 1856 he journeyed to Quincy by steamboat. He described





*C. H. Hurst*





Quincy as a good city of 18,000 population. Business, however, was dull, and he left the following spring for Palmyra. This town, he said, had 1,000 inhabitants, and was the nicest, liveliest little city he had yet visited. Business continued dull and in the fall he went to La Grange, Missouri, where he remained until the next spring, when he went back to Palmyra. That was his home until the spring of 1859. St. Joseph, Missouri, next attracted his attention, but he found no work there, so went by steamboat to St. Louis. After working three months he went on to Nashville, Tennessee. That city he described as being too hot, so he left a few days later for Quincy, and then decided to buy some tools and open a shop in Mendon, Illinois.

Business was good and that same year he bought the shop and residence from Mr. Durfin for \$1,000. In 1861 he married in Quincy Miss Catherine Wolf, who at once returned with him to Mendon.

In the spring of 1866 he started to sell out his holdings in Mendon. He then returned to Quincy and purchased the brick and frame building that was standing at Seventh and State streets, and stocked it with merchandise and tools. The place was opened for business August 20, 1866, fifty-two years ago. There were bad years and good years but the store and shop steadily grew in popularity. It was sixteen years after he became a business man of Quincy that Christian Gottlob Wurst died in 1882. He left his widow and son Henry, then a lad of seventeen years, to care for the business. Under their management great progress was made. In a short time the young man found the entire responsibility resting on his own shoulders. With each succeeding year trade increased and new patrons were attracted to the establishment.

The late C. Henry Wurst was born at Mendon, Illinois, April 4, 1865. His boyhood was spent in Quincy attending school and assisting his father in the store and shop. He was the responsible head of the business for thirty years.

In 1890, when he was twenty-five years of age, the business outgrew the old building. This building was accordingly wrecked and the east half of the present structure erected. In 1908 more room was again demanded, supplied by building the west half, making the building 37 by 60 feet, three stories high with basement, and an extension in the rear of the west side. Fire seriously damaged the building the next year, but all was quickly restored to the original condition. Even with this equipment the business found itself cramped, and later they bought property two doors north of the store, where extensive warehouses and shops were erected.

Prior to 1911 the business was conducted as a private institution. It was Mr. Wurst's desire that two of his faithful employes be permitted to take an interest in the business, and accordingly the C. H. Wurst Company was incorporated with C. H. Wurst, Herman I. Ehrhardt and A. J. Hermsdorfer as directors and Mr. Wurst as president.

October 27, 1912, C. Henry Wurst succumbed to injuries received in a street car accident and passed away at the age of forty-seven, still in the prime of life, but he had already achieved distinction as one of Quincy's most successful business men. Owing to his quiet, modest manners only those who knew him well realized the extent of the business he conducted. Among his friends he was accepted as a man of sound business judgment, deliberate but painstaking, quiet but firm.

He has a worthy successor as president and head of the board of directors of the company. This is his wife, Mrs. Wurst, who upon assuming the unexpected responsibilities proved as capable and resourceful as she had previously in the management of her home and household. She keeps in close touch with all details of the business, though in her fellow directors she has two of the very capable business men of Quincy, formerly associated with her husband. One is Mr. Herman I. Ehrhardt, now superintendent of the company and one of its directors since 1911. Mr. Ehrhardt is a man distinguished by great capacity for detail as well as possessed of all the qualities of the good executive.

He has the general management of the retail store and the business in general. The other active man in the business is A. J. Hermsdorfer, who like Mr. Ehrhardt has been in business for over fifteen years, and who is superintendent of the mechanical department and has given the tin and metal working shops an enviable reputation.

At Quincy in 1897 Mr. C. Henry Wurst married Miss Lillie C. Ebert. Mrs. Wurst was born and reared and educated in Quincy. She is a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Schaefer) Ebert. Her father was born in Wuerttemberg on the Swiss border in 1826 and his parents died in Germany. At the age of twenty-seven he came to America, and after a long voyage landed at New Orleans. He was possessed of a college education and in Germany had learned the trade of stone mason. He first located at Bushnell, Illinois, but six months later came to Quincy and with Mr. Brosi engaged in the quarrying and stone mason contracting business. Mr. Brosi soon left Quincy, and Mr. Ebert continued the business alone. He supplied stone materials for many of the foundations in homes, business houses and public buildings in Quincy. He was an active worker and died in the prime of life, at the age of fifty-five, in November, 1881. Soon after coming to Quincy Mr. Ebert married Miss Schaefer, who was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and was thirteen years old when her parents, Wendel and Anna E. (Daum) Schaefer, came to the United States. They were on the ocean six weeks, landed at New Orleans, and then came up the Mississippi to Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer died here, the latter at the age of sixty and the former at eighty-six. Wendel Schaefer was an all around blacksmith. The Schaefers were members of the German Methodist Episcopal Church. The mother of Mrs. Wurst died June 3, 1916, lacking only a month of her eightieth birthday.

Mrs. Wurst was one of a family of fifteen children, of whom a daughter and two sons died in early childhood. Twelve grew to maturity, six sons and six daughters, all but three married, and all are still living except the oldest son, George, who died seven years ago and who had succeeded to and conducted his father's business as a stone contractor.

Mr. and Mrs. Wurst became the parents of six children, and with these children they had a most happy home life at 1254 Kentucky Street, where Mrs. Wurst still resides. Their oldest child, Ella, died at the age of eleven years. Henry E. graduated from the Quincy High School in 1918, at the age of eighteen, and a few months later entered the Illinois State University. Katharine, aged sixteen, is member of the Quincy High School, class of 1920. Emily died at the age of five years, and was buried on the same day her sister Ella died. Mary is nine years old and in grammar school, while the youngest, Charles E., is seven years old. Mrs. Wurst is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the late Mr. Wurst was one of its trustees.

LOUIS DEDERT. Few of the veteran farmers of Adams County have a greater volume of work and production to their credit than Louis Dedert, now living retired at Quincy. Mr. Dedert's home is at 1606 Payson Avenue, where he has lived since August, 1911. This is a comfortable city home, a seven room house located on a large lot 100 feet square.

Mr. Dedert came to this city home from his farm in section 10 of Ellington Township, where he owns eighty acres. On that farm he spent most of his life. He was born December 28, 1859, and was reared and received his education in Quincy and Ellington Township.

His parents were William and Louisa (Schlippmann) Dedert. Both were born in Bielfeld, Germany, the father about 1830. They were married in Germany and came to America on different ships, landing at New York and thence coming to St. Louis. Leaving his wife at St. Louis William Dedert came on to Quincy during the winter of 1851-52 for the purpose of finding work. Soon afterward the river froze over and he was unable to rejoin his wife at St. Louis



until the next spring. They rented land, and later bought the eighty acres in section 10 of Ellington Township where they lived for many years. The widowed mother finally retired to Quincy and died in the spring of 1912. They were members of the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church and both are buried side by side in the Green Mount cemetery. William Dedert was a republican but never interested in politics only to the extent of casting his vote. Their children were Henry, William, Louis, Frank, John, Edward, Simon, Theodore and Mary. All of them married except Frank and Mary.

Louis Dedert, third in this family, grew up on the farm and became an energetic farmer and stock raiser, and followed that vocation successfully until he retired. He married for his first wife in this county Cornelia Speckmann. She was born at Quincy in 1864 of German parentage. Her death occurred in Ellington Township December 2, 1911. Her two children, Freda and Mabel, are both unmarried and at home with their father. In the spring of 1913 Mr. Dedert married at Quincy Lena Ermann, a sister of his first wife and widow of George Ermann. George Ermann was born in Wuertemberg, Germany, October 5, 1860, and came to the United States when a young man. At Quincy he took up his trade as a custom shoemaker, and followed that vocation until his death when nearly twenty-nine years of age. He was the father of three children. Walter Ermann, born in Quincy in 1885, is a well educated and trained musician and is employed in the Weiler's music store at Quincy. He married Minnie Boehl, and their children are Florence, Wilbur and Charles. Alfred Ermann, born in 1887, is now in the army service, attached to the Hospital Corps at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis. Arthur, born in 1889, was, like his brothers, well educated in the city schools and is now a farmer at LeGrande, Oregon. He married Hulda Schroeda, of Adams County, and has one daughter, Anita. The family are members of the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church at Quincy and Mr. Dedert is a republican.

CHARLES W. BREITWIESER. Among the able business men who have contributed for many years to the commercial importance of Quincy is Charles W. Breitwieser, for a long time prominent in the grocery line and at present owner and operator of the Gem City Transfer Company. Mr. Breitwieser has chosen to spend his life in his native city. He was born at Quincy, Illinois, March 5, 1862. His parents were John and Amelia (Reinecker) Breitwieser, natives of Germany.

John Breitwieser for many years was a well known and highly esteemed resident of Quincy, where he spent his entire life after coming to the United States in 1837. He was a shoemaker by trade and as he was of industrious habit acquired a sufficient competency and provided well for his family of nine children. Of these two survive and are residents of Quincy: Charles W. and Amelia.

The father of Charles W. Breitwieser was a man with practical ideas and when his son had reached his thirteenth year decided that it was time he leave school and learn a trade, hence Charles entered a cigar factory with the expectation of becoming a cigar-maker. A year later, however, a more attractive opportunity presented itself and he accepted a position in a retail grocery store and remained there for sixteen years. With this preparation in 1892 he went into the grocery business for himself, having learned its details thoroughly, purchasing from William Evers, and for thirteen years he conducted a first class grocery near the corner of Fifth and Hampshire streets. In 1905 he embarked in another line by purchasing the transfer business of two companies here and consolidating as the Gem City Transfer Company. Under all conditions and circumstances this business is conducted in a satisfactory manner and both visitors and local patrons unite in praise of the service.

Mr. Breitwieser was married September 15, 1886, to Miss Clara R. Rothgeb, who was born at Quincy. They are members of the Memorial Lutheran Church at Quincy, and he is a member of its board of trustees. Fraternally he is a Blue Lodge Mason, and politically he is a republican.

JOHN L. GRIESER. Some of the valuable and important interests of Adams County represented in farms and other properties have been built up and accumulated by the late John L. Grieser, and are at present managed by his capable sons. The family has been a factor in the life and affairs of this country for eighty years or more.

The late John L. Grieser was only about four years old when brought to this county. He was born at Baltimore, Maryland, September 3, 1834, son of Leonard and Dorothy (Hack) Grieser. His father was a native of Alsace-Lorraine, then a part of France, and his mother was either born in that country or of German parentage. They came to Illinois and located in Quincy about 1837, and some years later moved to a farm in Ellington Township. Leonard Grieser, Sr., and wife spent their last years on a farm. They were active members of the Lutheran Church. All their children are now deceased.

John L. Grieser, who died at his home 401 Elm Street in Quincy, August 26, 1906, aged seventy-two, was the oldest of his parents' children, and grew up in Quincy and in Ellington Township. After his education he took up the business of farming, and for many years his enterprise was chiefly centered in the wood business, with headquarters at Quincy, shipping from wood lots up and down the river for many miles. At the same time he carried on his farm operations and was one of the leading stock raisers in Ellington and Ursa townships. He owned good farms in both townships. He was a man of progressive ideas and was one of the citizens who took the lead and brought about one of the greatest improvements Adams County has had, the Indian drainage district. Ursa Township land lay in this district, and was highly benefited from the improvement, though not more so than many other lands adjoining.

Mr. Grieser gave his personal superintendence to his farms and other lines of business from his home in Quincy. For many years he lived on State Street, but later moved to the residence on Elm Street where he died. He was a republican voter and an active member of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Grieser met and married his first wife, Adelia Davis, at Canton, Missouri. She was a native of Missouri and died at the State Street home of the family in 1873. Her only child, Maude, is the wife of Dr. Otis Johnson, the prominent Quincy surgeon.

At Taylorville, Illinois, Mr. Grieser married Miss Hattie Ash. Mrs. Grieser, who resides at 305 South Sixteenth Street, was born in Macoupin County, Illinois, and was educated largely in Christian County and at Quincy. She is a daughter of Rankin and Virginia (Clark) Ash, the former a native of Chester County, Pennsylvania, and of an old Pennsylvania family. Her father came to Illinois and was an early settler in Macoupin County, where he married Miss Clark. Her mother was of Scotch ancestry and a native of Kentucky and when a young girl accompanied her parents to Macoupin County, where her father was a carriage maker. Mr. and Mrs. Ash after their marriage lived on a farm near Gillespie, where their only child, Mrs. Grieser, was born. The family removed to Quincy and Mrs. Grieser's mother died at the age of thirty-two and her father at fifty-five. They were also a Baptist family.

Mrs. Grieser became the mother of ten children, namely: Maxie, unmarried and living at home with her mother; Edward, who died in young manhood; William A., who is also a bachelor living with his mother and is managing the family farms in Ursa and Ellington townships, and is also one of the commissioners of the Indian Grave Levee district. Nina, who like the other children was well educated in the Quincy schools; Harry A., who is foreman in one of the departments of the West Coast Ship Building Company, and thus is doing his part to help win the war; Leroy O., who is a graduate of Illinois State University with the class of 1916 and is associated with his brother William on the farm; Zoe, who died at the age of eight years; Grandison L., a young man of twenty-five who finished his education in Illinois State University, later enlisted and is now in training for wireless service in camp at Indianapolis; Robert W., aged twenty-two, has been with the ambulance corps in active duty in France since the



winter of 1917-18; Virginia F., a graduate with the class of 1918 from St. Mary's Academy. Mrs. Grieser is an active member of the Baptist Church and most of her children are likewise affiliated.

**CALVIN H. WHITE.** Glendale Farm, a half mile east of Mendon, has a reputation for its fine stock by no means confined to Adams County. Stockmen generally keep in close touch with the firm of C. H. White & Son, and farmers who have succeeded in incorporating some of the blooded strains from the Glendale Farm refer with a special touch of pride to the fact.

Mr. White and his son are specialists and experts in the livestock business. Calvin H. White is a native of Adams County, and is a member of the well known White family of Honey Creek Township, in which locality he was born July 16, 1851, son of John A. and Elizabeth (White) White. His father was a native of Alabama and his mother of Tennessee. John A. White came to Adams County in 1833, and grew up and married here.

Calvin H. White remained at home to the age of twenty-one and then started his independent career as a farmer by renting an adjoining farm for eighteen years. He then bought ninety acres a mile and a half northwest of Mendon, paying \$6,500, and after holding it twelve years sold for \$11,000. Ten years ago he bought his present place, the former owner having been Samuel Chittenden. This land cost him \$100 an acre, and Mr. White has invested about \$4,000 in buildings, including a new home, his son occupying the old house on the place.

Glendale is especially well known for its Shorthorn cattle and its Poland China hogs. The head of his cattle is one of the prize bulls from the McDermott herd of Cahoka, Missouri. A half-brother of the bull on the Glendale Farm brought \$2,000, while another of the same stock sold for \$3,000. Mr. White's bull, a fine roan, weighed 1,300 pounds when one year old. He has twenty head in his herd. Mr. White is a director of the Farmers State Bank at Mendon.

At the age of twenty-one he married Martha J. Hunter, a neighbor girl, daughter of Hugh and Jane (Edmonds) Hunter, both of whom are now deceased. Her father was born in Scotland and her mother in Wales, and they were married in Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. White have two children: Isadore and Richard H. Isadore is the wife of Charles Evans, who lives on an adjoining farm, and they have a child, Alta. Richard H., who is his father's partner, lives on the Glendale Farm and though a young man is quoted as an authority on many branches of the livestock business. He married Ada Chittenden, daughter of Harry Chittenden of this county. They have one daughter, Hazel.

Mr. C. H. White has never sought any office, though he has served as a school board member and road commissioner. He is a republican voter and a member of the Congregational Church.

**FRANK H. BREDEWEG.** In the history of the German element in Adams County as written by Mr. Bornmann on other pages, one of the families credited to the year 1842 is the Bredeweg. Thus for more than three quarters of a century the people of this name have been identified in many worthy and useful ways with the locality, and their interests and associations have been concerned with the most substantial affairs of the community.

A representative of the family who is a native son of Adams County is Frank H. Bredeweg, probably one of the most successful and prosperous farmers in the immediate vicinity of Quincy. Mr. Bredeweg was born here February 25, 1853. He is the oldest of the seven children, two sons and five daughters, born to Garrett H. and Hannah Wilhelmina (Stickhorst) Bredeweg. Garrett Bredeweg, though born in Germany, was reared in Holland, and as a young man came to the United States in 1842. He arrived in Adams County with only \$7 in cash. Though his name afterwards became synonymous with large landed possessions and business influence, he started his career here as a wage earner at \$7 a month. He worked in Melrose Township and the first land he bought was sixty acres in Riverside Township. That land was in section 26. He had



to go in debt to make the purchase and rigid economy and thrift were necessary to relieve himself of his financial obligations. Gradually he added other possessions until he owned about 750 acres in Adams County. He was one of the prominent and successful men of his time. Honor and business affairs was a cardinal point of his character. He had his home in section 26 from 1848 to 1878 and was successfully engaged in general farming and dairying. A republican voter, he never sought official honors and gave his undivided time to his business affairs. However, he was very liberal in support of church and its various causes, and was one of the large contributors to the erection of Salem Church at Quincy. The death of this honored Adams County pioneer occurred in March, 1893.

His wife, Hannah Wilhelmina Stickhorst, was born in Germany, and was a small girl when her parents came to the United States. The voyage was made in a sailing vessel lasting a number of weeks. She distinguished herself as a splendid housewife and mother, and was equally liberal and ardent with her husband in upbuilding the forces of religion in her community. One form in which her liberality took expression was in generous support of the Young Men's Christian Association at Quincy. In the building of that institution her portrait hangs as the tribute to her liberal benefactions. Her death occurred in Los Angeles, California, January 1, 1900, but her remains were returned to Illinois and now rests beside those of her husband in Woodland Cemetery. Of their family of children six are living, and all reside in Adams County except Anna, wife of Fred Schulte, formerly a merchant but now retired.

Frank H. Bredeweg grew up in the home of his parents and was early trained to agricultural and dairy operations. His has been a most busy and successful career and for forty years he has assumed his share of responsibilities both in the business and civic life of his community.

On January 15, 1878, at the age of twenty-five, he married Miss Emelia Klusemeyer. Mrs. Bredeweg was born in Quincy March 12, 1857, daughter of August and Anna (Ausmeyer) Klusemeyer. A page is devoted to the Klusemeyers in other parts of this work, but it is appropriate here to introduce a brief obituary which appeared in the local papers regarding the death of Mr. Klusemeyer.

"August Klusemeyer of 724 S. 13th Street passed away at 7:15 o'clock at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Viehmeyer. He had been ailing for some time with diseases incidental to old age to which he finally succumbed at the age of eighty-three years, three months and thirteen days.

"Mr. Klusemeyer was born in Herfurt, Westphalia, Germany, March 12, 1825, and died in 1908. He learned the trade of shoemaker in his native province. At the age of thirty-one years he came to this country, in a strange land among strange people and language and a man honest in character, industrious, but poor in capital. He came direct to Quincy November 8, 1856, since which time he made his home, a period of fifty-two years, more than a half century. He was known as a good citizen, honest and law abiding, and he commanded the respect of all who knew him. He was for many years in the shoe business at 813 Payson avenue, Quincy, retiring from business in the year 1893. In 1888 his good wife died and since that time he made his home with his daughter Mrs. Viehmeyer. Mr. Klusemeyer was a member of the Salem church ever since he came to Quincy. He is survived by one son, three daughters, twenty-three grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren, and one brother, Frederick, of Melrose township. The children are Henry Klusemeyer, Mrs. Bert Wessell and Mrs. Minnie Viehmeyer, all of Quincy, and Mrs. Frank Bredeweg of North 5th Street in Riverside township. The funeral occurred at the residence of Mrs. Viehmeyer, with services at Salem church and interment at Woodland cemetery."

Mrs. Bredeweg was reared and educated in her home county. She is a woman of splendid ability, demonstrated both in the management of her home affairs and the rearing of her children as also in the assistance she has given

Mr. Bredeweg in the larger interests of their life. They have every reason to be happy and proud of their family, consisting of a son and a daughter. The daughter, Dollie M., was educated in the Quincy High School and also had musical training, and is now the wife of John B. Keith, of Davenport, Iowa. Mr. Keith is in the service of the Government, one of the trusted employes at the Rock Island Arsenal. The son, Harry A., is a graduate of the Quincy High School and the Gem City Business College and is a young man of great ambition and has made good in all his work. For five years he was located at Pittsburg with the Pittsburg Supply Company and is now a resident of Detroit with the Wagner Baking Company. He is a republican in politics.

Mrs. Bredeweg is a member of the Salem Lutheran Church and has been active in its various organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Bredeweg have one of the most beautiful estates around Quincy. It is located on North Fifth Street, only three blocks from the city limits. The home is the equal of many of the best in the city, having furnace heat, electric light, rural mail delivery and every other modern convenience.

The Bredeweg farm consists of 200 acres in Riverside Township. All the buildings are modern and thoroughly well arranged for stock raising and farming. Mr. Bredeweg in addition to farming is a general building contractor and for a number of years has been one of the busiest men in his township. He has given much time to public affairs, having served as township supervisor eight years and also as road commissioner. In politics he is a republican, casting his first presidential ballot for Hayes. He has done some reclamation work, and a dam or levee thirty-eight feet high in one place has been constructed and reclaims 100 acres of bottom land on his farm. Mr. and Mrs. Bredeweg have used their ample means to benefit themselves and others. One of their interesting excursions from home was made in 1906, when they toured the Far West. Among the points of interest they visited were Mount Shasta, San Francisco, San Jose, Monterey, Los Angeles, Pasadena and Santa Barbara, including a visit to the Mexican border. They went west by way of the Union Pacific and returned by the Southern Pacific route.

**FRED C. TURNER.** The career of the agriculturist has brought Fred C. Turner many pleasant and profitable experiences, and it is principally through that vocation that he has made his mark as a citizen of Mendon Township. Mr. Turner owns one of the excellent farms of that locality, in section 21, two miles east of Ursa.

The land which he owns and cultivates today has been in the family for many years. He was born there December 2, 1874, a son of Fred C., Sr., and Mary E. (Fletcher) Turner. The Turner family came into Adams County in 1834. One of those who came at that time was Joseph Turner, who was born at Dedham, Massachusetts, June 12, 1799. Accompanying him to Adams County were his father, Ebenezer, and three brothers, Edward, Ebenezer and John. Joseph Turner located near Wesley Chapel, and late in life retired to Mendon in order to be near the Methodist Church of that town, of which he was a very active member. He died March 16, 1876, at the age of seventy-seven.

Fred C. Turner, Sr., was born in Ursa Township May 17, 1839, and was well educated, completing his early training in a school at Denmark, Iowa. He taught school, studied civil engineering, and for a number of years practiced surveying. On December 23, 1869, he married Mary E. Fletcher, who was born on the farm in section 21 of Mendon Township where her son Fred now lives. Her parents were Ephraim and Mary Jane (McMurray) Fletcher. Ephraim Fletcher secured his land in Mendon Township from his father and lived there until his death when his daughter Mary was only sixteen years old. Mary E. Fletcher was one of four children. Her brothers died young, and her sister Louisa never married. Mary E. Fletcher was only eighteen when she married Mr. Turner. After their marriage at Galesburg they returned to the Fletcher farm of eighty-five acres, and Fred C. Turner handled that property with great



skill and thrift, and subsequently bought 122 acres, combining it with the Fletcher land. Ephraim Fletcher had built a barn on this land about seventy years ago, hewing out the timbers by hand. In 1855 he had remodeled his home to an eight room dwelling, which was considered one of the best houses of the kind in the township. Mrs. Mary E. Turner's mother died at the age of seventy-five. Mary E. Turner spent the last thirteen years of her life at Galesburg and Quincy, and died in March, 1917, at the age of sixty-nine. Of her eight children seven came to maturity: John F., who is an engineer with the Atlantic Coast Line at Lakeland, Florida; Joseph, an engineer with the Wabash Railway, with headquarters at Brunswick, Missouri; Fred C., Jr.; Herbert, who has spent his life as a farmer; Mary F., wife of Charles Higgins, a chemist living in Chicago; Everett, a business man of Galesburg; Enoch, who died in infancy; Louise, wife of Theodore F. Awerkamp, a paying teller with the Ricker National Bank of Quincy.

Fred C. Turner lived at home with his parents to the age of twenty-one, when he married Miss Alice McVay, who was then eighteen years old. After their marriage they farmed the old Fletcher place, renting it for a time, and finally bought the entire property, comprising 205 acres. This is the farm where Mr. Turner has done so well and prospered as an agriculturist and stock man. It has been his custom for several years to sell about two carloads of hogs annually. He is a republican, is a member of the Congregational Church at Mendon, and his father was an active Mason. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have three children, all at home: Vera E., who graduated from high school with the class of 1916, spent two years in Knox College at Galesburg and is now a teacher in Adams County; Ferol Carrol, who graduated from high school in 1918 is now attending Knox College; and Fred Paul.

JOHN H. TENK was one of the good and solid citizens of Quincy, was known as honest and truthful John Tenk, was connected with the mechanical trades for a number of years, and at his death on October 14, 1911, left not only a legacy of material good but the reputation and honor of a worthy life and character.

He was born in Westphalia, Germany, January 12, 1855, and came of an old German family. His parents were Herman and Catherine E. (Buck) Tenk, who spent all their lives in Westphalia as farmers. They were Catholics in religion. They had a number of children, and most of them lived and died in the old country. John H. Tenk had two sisters, Elizabeth and Christina, who came to the United States. Christina was the first to come. She located at Quincy. Elizabeth married Henry Brasing, and they lived in Quincy, where he died at the age of seventy and she about fifty-five. Henry Brasing was a brick mason. They left sons and daughters. Christina Tenk married Herman Terstrip, and she died in 1909, when past fifty years of age, while her husband is still living.

John H. Tenk grew up in his native province, was educated there, and in 1875 came to the United States to join his sister in Quincy. Here he learned the trade of plasterer and mason and eventually became a master mason. He was employed to do the plastering work on some of the best homes and public buildings, including churches and schools, at Quincy. His partner in the plastering contract work was Josiah J. Perry. Later he had as partner Frank Hilbing, his brother-in-law. Mr. Tenk about six years before his death retired and spent his last years in comfort at his home at 1328 North Ninth Street, where the family have lived for forty years. He had accumulated much property and at the time of his death owned ten houses and also a small farm of ten acres in Riverside Township. This property has been carefully conserved by his widow and children since his death. Mr. Tenk was a democratic voter.

At St. Francis Church in Quincy February 26, 1878, he married Miss Elizabeth Hilbing. Mrs. Tenk still occupies the old home on North Ninth Street. She was born in Quincy December 11, 1854, and was educated here in the St. Francis parochial schools. Her parents were Anthony and Catherine

(Hestling) Hilbing, both natives of Westphalia. They crossed the ocean to the United States on the same sailing vessel, making the voyage in nine weeks, landed at Baltimore, and came west to Quincy, where they were married in St. Boniface Church. Mr. Hilbing was a cooper by trade and followed that vocation until he retired. He was retired about ten years and died at his home 524 North Eleventh Street, July 31, 1897, at the age of seventy-one. His widow passed away June 16, 1917, at the age of eighty-five. They were members of St. Boniface Catholic Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Tenk had the following children: John H., Jr., died January 8, 1900, at the age of twenty-one; Henry died at the age of three months; Frank, born April 9, 1881, lives on the Riverside Township farm of his father. He married Gertrude Yeargensmeyer, and their children are Henry, John, Raymond and Dorothy, the two older now in school. Catherine Tenk was educated in St. John's parochial schools, and is now the wife of William Steinkamp. Mr. Steinkamp was born in Quincy, was educated in the St. Boniface parochial schools, and is a harness maker by trade. They have two children, E. Deloris, and Olivia M. The next two children, Edith and Edward Tenk, both died at the age of three months. Addie J. is the wife of Frank Pfeiffer, a gardener in Riverside Township. They had two children, Frank, who died in infancy, and Virgil F., born in 1916. Edward, the youngest child of the family, is the soldier representative. He is a boilermaker by trade, and is now serving in Company B of the Nineteenth Engineer Corps in France. All the family are members of St. John's Parish.

JOHN A. DICKHUT. At different points in these pages references have been made to the sterling activities and character of various members of the Dickhut family. One of them was the late John A. Dickhut, whose life requires some particular attention at this point.

He was born at Quincy January 20, 1850, and died July 12, 1912. His father was John Andrew Adolph Dickhut, who was born in Germany in 1823 and died in this county February 22, 1899, having spent more than half a century as a farmer in Adams County. He was twice married and John A. Dickhut was the oldest child of his first wife.

John A. Dickhut grew to manhood in Gilmer Township, and on February 8, 1877, married Eleanor S. Booth. She is a daughter of Stephen and Lavinia (Gray) Booth. Her mother was a sister of Richard Gray and an aunt of Will Gray of Coatsburg. Stephen Booth was born in England December 7, 1815, and in 1828 came with his parents to America and in 1833 settled in Adams County. He was one of the pioneer farmers in the vicinity of Coatsburg, and some of the land he had there is still owned by members of the Gray family. Mrs. Dickhut's parents were married January 13, 1837. Their four daughters were: Mary Ann, widow of Chapman Wilson, of Minnesota; Charlotte, who married Richard Colburn and died at the age of seventy-seven; Louise, who died at the age of thirty-three, wife of Thomas Powell; and Eleanor S.

In 1842 Stephen Booth became identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church and was one of its staunchest supporters the rest of his life. He died at the age of sixty-eight. His widow survived and died at the home of Mrs. Dickhut aged eighty-five.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. John A. Dickhut farmed on rented land, at the end of which time they bought the old Booth place of her father, and they lived there, giving Mrs. Dickhut's mother a home in old age and bringing up their own children. John A. Dickhut greatly prospered in all his undertakings, owned a fine farm of 300 acres, and also land elsewhere. While his energies were devoted to farming, he served as tax collector and school director, and was always a man of public spirit and willing to support all local enterprises.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickhut had a family of six children. Mrs. Dickhut remained on the old homestead until 1918, when she occupied a tastefully built and con-



venient bungalow at Paloma. Her oldest child, Nettie May, is the wife of Charles C. Lawless, at Paloma. Her daughter Blanche is Mrs. Henry Ogle, of Gilmer Township. Florence, the third child, lives with her mother and is the widow of Leon Sivertson. Leon Sivertson was born October 23, 1882, and died December 31, 1910, at the age of twenty-eight. His parents were William F. and Laura H. (White) Sivertson, and this is a well known old family in the vicinity of Paloma. Leon Sivertson and Florence Dickhut were married November 24, 1909, and their only son, Donald Frederick, was born September 28, 1910.

Oliver P. Dickhut, the oldest son of Mrs. Dickhut, has special mention on other pages. Roscoe Lee Dickhut is the other son and occupies the homestead. Hazel is living with her mother.

Roscoe Lee Dickhut was born on the old farm where he now resides October 31, 1887, and has spent his life so far in that one locality. He was well educated, and on December 12, 1917, at the age of thirty, married Miss Ruby Sivertson of Paloma daughter of Ed Sivertson. Roscoe L. Dickhut has had the practical management of the homestead for a number of years, practically ever since his father's death and even prior to that time. This gives him a large amount of land and responsibilities in proportion, but he has shown an ability to make the most out of his opportunities and is one of the productive and resourceful farmers of the county.

**WILLIAM WEWERS.** A man of pronounced business ability, judgment and foresight, the late William Wewers was a conspicuous factor in the upbuilding of the industrial interests of Quincy, for upwards of a quarter of a century having been officially connected with the Gem City Stove Works, and the moving spirit in making it one of the important and prosperous manufacturing concerns of the city. Born in Quincy July 15, 1851, he was not only a fine representative of the native-born citizens of Adams County, but of the self-made men of his generation, his success in life having been the result of his own unaided efforts.

His father, Bernard Wewers, was born and bred in Germany. Coming as a young man to America, he made his way to Illinois, locating in Quincy. Learning the trade of mason and bricklayer, he became an expert concrete worker, and in that capacity laid much of the good concrete pavement in the city. He married Adelaide Moeller, who was also of German birth, and they reared three children, as follows: William, the subject of this sketch; Anna, wife of Henry Lechtenberg, of Quincy; and Bernard, also of Quincy.

Acquiring his preliminary education in the Saint Boniface parochial school, William Wewers subsequently continued his studies at the night schools of the city. Beginning life for himself when quite young, he learned the sadler's trade, but never followed it to any extent. When twenty-one years of age he established a chair factory on Eleventh Street, between Jersey and York streets, and ran it about four years, when he sold out. Then, in company with August Vanden Boom and Joseph Wewers, Mr. Wewers was for six years engaged in the milling business, having a plant at the corner of Second and Spring streets. Mr. Wewers, disposing of his interest in the mill, then accepted the position of manager of the Gem City Stove Works, of which he was afterwards the president, having been officially connected with the concern for twenty-eight years prior to his death, which occurred May 9, 1912.

Mr. Wewers married May 8, 1879, Mary Lechtenberg, and of their union four children were born, namely: Adelaide, deceased; Stevens, deceased; Bertha, wife of Henry J. Rupp; and Albert, deceased. Mrs. Wewers, a most estimable and highly esteemed woman, built in September, 1914, a beautiful home at 1270 Park Place, and there entertains her friends with a generous hospitality.

Politically Mr. Wewers was independent, voting with the courage of his convictions, regardless of party restrictions. Religiously he was a member of Saint



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Francis Catholic Church, and fraternally he belonged to the Knights of Columbus and to the Western Catholic Union.

**McMULLEN BROTHERS.** One of the biggest farms and stock enterprises in Adams County is carried on under the business name of McMullen Brothers, George E. and Arthur R. McMullen, their extensive barns, fields, feed lots and business headquarters being located in Keene Township, six miles east of Mendon.

Their father, the late Andrew P. McMullen, was one of the stalwart and beloved citizens of Adams County, a man who was a producer and made much of life from limited opportunities. He was born in Ireland, son of an Irish blacksmith. He learned to handle the implements in his father's shop when most boys are not yet going to school, and he sometimes was set to work making nails by his blacksmith father. At the age of seven years an uncle paid his passage to America, and on reaching Philadelphia he was turned loose and had to depend entirely on his own resources. He helped sort coal, and then served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade. For twenty-two years he was employed chiefly in shoeing omnibus horses in Philadelphia. At Philadelphia he married Elizabeth Jane Dougherty, a sister of Theodore Dougherty, elsewhere referred to in these pages. While they lived in Philadelphia three children were born: William, who died at the age of twenty-one; Mathew, who for twenty-five years was a street railway employe in Chicago and died in 1911, while on his way home from his father's funeral; and Mamie, wife of William O. Gorby, near Bowen in Hancock County.

Andrew McMullen responded to the inducements held forth by a relative to come to Adams County and establish a shop at Coatsburg. His wife's aunt, Mrs. Hugh Hunter, lived in Honey Creek Township and it was through the Hunter family that the McMullens came west. Andrew McMullen was a blacksmith at Coatsburg five years and then started a shop at what is known as Dorsey Corners, one mile east of the old McMullen home. Subsequently he bought forty-four acres in the present McMullen farm, paying \$900 for this tract of timber land. He built his house there and also erected a shop, and continued industriously at his forge until about 1909, when failing health caused him to retire. He was a skillful and expert blacksmith in every line, had a large patronage, and was as popular as he was a good workman. He died October 9, 1911, at the age of seventy-four. His widow survived him six months, passing away in April, 1912, when about the same age. Andrew McMullen increased his landed property until he had 114 acres in the homestead, and also eighty acres a short distance away. He gave all his attention to his shop and his sons looked after the farm. After Andrew McMullen came to Adams County five other children were born: George E., born August 20, 1869; Ida E., wife of Albert Steiner, a farmer at Bowen; Theodore G., in the transfer business at Council Bluffs, Iowa; Lizzie May, who died in childhood; and Arthur R., born November 25, 1880.

George E. and Arthur R. McMullen bought the old homestead from their father and through their extensive operations as farmers and stockmen have greatly increased their holdings, buying first the Turner farm of 116 acres, then another 40 acres, the Naderhoff farm of 160 acres on the south, combining in one farm 510 acres. For their land they paid prices ranging from \$87 to \$125 an acre. It is on this big farm that the McMullen Brothers have established and developed their stock business. They keep their fields under cultivation for a maximum of crops, but even at that buy large quantities of feed for the hundreds of cattle and hogs they fatten for market every season. Besides hogs they feed from eighty to a hundred head of cattle every year. The McMullen Brothers are well known in the livestock markets of Chicago.

Arthur McMullen married August 29, 1912, Edith Emma Zeiger, daughter of Henry Zeiger, of Clayton Township. Their children are named Raymond Leland, Russell Gordon, Elizabeth Marie and Leona May. George McMullen



is unmarried. He is affiliated with the Odd Fellows. The McMullens were reared in the Episcopal Church and the sons attend worship at Clayton.

HENRY F. CHITTENDEN, of Mendon Township, has many of the characteristics in physique, mind and heart that distinguished his ancestry and served to make the name Chittenden one of the best known and most honored in the annals of Adams County from earliest pioneer times. Mr. Chittenden has devoted his life's labors to farming and farm management, and as a matter of course his resources and influence have been sought in other lines of business. He is now a member of the Board of Review, is a bank director at Mendon and a trustee of the Adams County Mutual Life Association. Mr. Chittenden is a large man physically, and broadminded as a citizen, one of the best esteemed of Mendon Township people.

Before touching upon his individual career it is appropriate that the important facts should be stated concerning his honored grandfather, Col. John B. Chittenden, founder of the Village of Mendon. Colonel Chittenden was born at Guilford, Connecticut, January 16, 1790, fourth of the seven children of Deacon Abraham Chittenden. He was reared as a farmer and in early life became identified with the Congregational Church and in his twenty-first year was chosen a deacon. January 12, 1814, he married Eliza Robinson, daughter of Col. Samuel Robinson of Guilford. They became the parents of seven children.

In September, 1831, with his wife and four sons, in a two-horse covered wagon, John B. Chittenden started for Illinois, and Quincy. He was joined by Samuel Bradley and a number of others in Connecticut, and altogether they comprised a colony of thirty-six persons and five wagons. The purpose that led Colonel Chittenden upon his westward migration has been stated as follows: First, to establish, strengthen and extend the Christian religion by the organization of churches, Sunday school and Bible classes; second, to provide better for his family of boys in a new country. After three months of trials and hardships incident to such travel he found himself and family frozen on the Mississippi River near Hannibal, and thence they were transported by wagon and team, the last few miles on the ice of the river. Arriving at Quincy in December they spent the first night in the home of Governor John Wood. March 2, 1832, Colonel Chittenden bought from Jacob Gorshong, an old French settler, the southwest quarter of section 11 in what is now Mendon Township. Its improvements consisted of a field of about ten acres and a log house. The log house is historic because in it the Congregational Church of Mendon was formed, that being the first Congregational church organized in the State of Illinois. In February, 1833, Colonel Chittenden bought an adjoining quarter in the same section, and soon after laid out and started the Village of Mendon. Later he sold his interest in the town site and retired to his farm two miles north of the village. There he lived until the death of his wife October 30, 1862. Mrs. Eliza Chittenden has been described as a most exemplary lady, whose law was the law of kindness and who never allowed herself to speak an unkind word to anyone. Colonel Chittenden did not long survive the passing of his beloved wife. He died January 23, 1863, at the age of seventy-three. Of him it has been written: "He had a clear and logical mind and was an able reasoner, and was a fluent and interesting public speaker, an earnest worker in all causes of reform, unselfish in everything, thinking always to promote the happiness of others. His faith in and love for the church was unbounded. He was an honest, upright man and a sincere Christian."

Abraham Chittenden, a son of Colonel Chittenden and father of Henry Franklin Chittenden, was born in Guilford, Connecticut, December 15, 1824, and was therefore seven years of age when the family reached Adams County. While his opportunities to obtain a formal education were limited, he was given an excellent practical training, assisted his brothers in the management of the farm, and finally secured 120 acres of the old homestead in section 36 of Mendon Township. He bought other land, and in 1881 remodeled the substantial house

that still adorns the property. He was actively identified with farming until 1902, when he retired to Mendon and died in that village May 27, 1904. On December 19, 1852, he married Letitia Barelay, who was born in Lyons County, New York, and came to Adams County with her parents in 1851. Mrs. Letitia Chittenden is still living, at the age of eighty-two. Abraham Chittenden was a deacon in the Congregational church. He was a republican, but never sought official honors. He is remembered by the old timers as one of the most powerful men physically in the county, and when in his prime he thought nothing of leaping a fence six feet high. Most of the land contained in his old farm was sold, but his son Henry Franklin still has forty acres of it. Abraham Chittenden and wife were the parents of three children: Henry F.; Sadie E., who died in San Antonio, Texas, May 9, 1912, wife of George Shupe; and Abraham I., who lives at Wichita, Kansas.

On the farm which he still owns, three miles northeast of Mendon, on the line between Mendon and Keene Township, Henry Franklin Chittenden was born November 4, 1853. Nearly all his life has been spent in this vicinity. For two years he attended an academy at Denmark, Iowa, and through seven winters both before and after his marriage taught school in this vicinity. March 9, 1877, he married Ella S. Mills, of Denmark, Iowa. They were schoolmates in the Academy, and she also taught in her native state before her marriage. After his marriage Mr. Chittenden gave his chief energy to farming until ten years ago. Besides his homestead he owns a farm of 240 acres a mile east in Keene Township, and another of 260 acres on the township line between Keene and Honey Creek Township. He gave his personal supervision to these three places for many years, and has since retired. When in his prime as a farmer he kept about 100 head of cattle, about the same number of hogs, and every year had about seventy acres in corn, forty acres in wheat and forty acres in oats. Mr. Chittenden acquired most of his land in the era of low prices, much of it at about \$35 an acre, though for some tracts he paid \$52 an acre. He is a republican and has served as a member of the County Board of Review for the past four years. He has always been active in church and Sunday school in his neighborhood and as a Modern Woodman of America has attended the Head Camp as delegate.

Mr. and Mrs. Chittenden had a family of five daughters and one son. Nellie E., who died in young womanhood, after her marriage to James Norris, both having been teachers; Frank B., who died at the age of twelve years; Ada L., who was formerly a teacher and is now Mrs. R. H. White, of Mendon; Sadie E., at home; Mary M., who died at the age of twenty-six, the wife of Emmet Erghott; and Ruth E., who taught school and is now the wife of John Mealiff, who manages one of Mr. Chittenden's farms.

**JAMES E. ADAMS.** It was in the old Adams homestead at Quincy, Illinois, that Maj. James E. Adams, one of Quincy's most prominent and respected citizens, was born January 15, 1848. Although other sections have also benefited through his energy and talents, he has been a permanent resident of his native city for the past quarter of a century. Aside from his own achievements he bears an honored name at Quincy, to which place his parents came in 1839, when New England sent of her best to settle in Illinois. They were James and Mary G. (Arrowsmith) Adams. The maternal grandfather acquired large tracts of land and some of this land is now the busiest portions and most highly improved sections of the Quincy of today.

James Adams, father of Major Adams, was a foundryman and in association with his brother, George Adams, built the first foundry at Quincy and was the pioneer in the industry that is of such great importance in the city. The brothers were both men of great business enterprise in many lines. For about forty years they were the leading pork packers in this section, long before the marketing of meat assumed anything like its present proportions, and for as long a time they were extensive shippers of grain and produce. For a half century



the Adams name was held as a synonym for business enterprise and personal integrity.

James E. Adams was educated in the public schools and the old Quincy Seminary, and his education was not completed when, although only sixteen years of age, he enlisted in 1864, for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-Seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Notwithstanding his youth he served with the utmost courage and efficiency until the war closed.

Before the railroad bridge at Quincy was built the ferry had to be utilized for the transfer of thousands of tons of freight, and one of the companies operating was the Great Western Dispatch Company, with which the young soldier became identified after the war as a transfer clerk. Subsequently he accepted the position of cashier for the Merchants' Union Express Company. He learned something about civil engineering and went out on surveys for the Q. M. & P. Railway.

In 1869 Mr. Adams went to Texas, where he became deputy clerk of the Circuit Court of Parker County, and afterward engaged for a time in mercantile and banking business at Weatherford, Texas. He had become active in the republican party and it was in 1872 that he was appointed by President Grant a post trader in the regular army and was assigned to Fort Griffin, Texas, where he remained until 1876, when he removed to Edina, Missouri. He was one of the organizers of the Bank of Edina, of which he was cashier until 1892. He served as mayor of Edina for four years and the city prospered under his administration. He was also interested in the platting of Marceline, Missouri, being president of the Marceline Town and Land Company, and during this period became active in the development of coal properties in that section that have continued to be of vast importance to the present day. In 1892 Major Adams returned to Quincy and here his business interests have since been mainly centered, banking being his active field.

Major Adams was married at Weatherford, Texas, to Mrs. Sallie (White) Ellison, a widow. The children were: Josephine W., who is the wife of Henry E. Long, of Kansas City, Missouri; Ethel E., who is the wife of Garrett B. Schuller, of Phoenix, Arizona; Ina D., who is deceased; and Mary C., who is the wife of Frank A. Wilson, of Quincy.

Major Adams has served in many distinguished public capacities. He was commissioner of the United States District Court for the eastern district of Missouri from 1878 to 1892, and was one of the famous 306 who as delegate to the republican national convention of 1880 from the First Missouri District, cast thirty-six consecutive ballots for the renomination of President Grant. During the McKinley campaign he was president of the McKinley Club at Quincy, and since, in political affairs, has been equally active and conscientiously interested. He was also a delegate to the Republican National Convention of 1916 from the Fifteenth Congressional District, Illinois. From the time of its organization he has been identified with the Grand Army of the Republic and he is a valued member of the Quincy Post. Major Adams was reared in the Episcopal Church.

**EMMETT HOWARD.** Possessing in a marked degree the qualifications needed for successfully conducting large affairs, Emmett Howard, of Quincy, is actively identified with the advancement of the mercantile interests of Adams County, and as a wholesale dealer in house furnishing goods is carrying on a large and substantial business. A native of New York, he was born August 12, 1867, in Rathboneville.

His parents, Albert and Jeannette (Knickerbocker) Howard, were lifelong residents of the Empire state, the father having been engaged in agricultural pursuits. They reared three children, as follows: Clifton, of Hot Springs, Arkansas; Emmett, the subject of this sketch; and Albert F., of Farmville, Virginia.

Educated in New York State, Emmett Howard attended first the public schools of Morrisville and later the Cazenovia Seminary. In 1887, with the restless spirit characteristic of the true American, he started westward in search of remunerative employment, and for several years was employed as a traveling salesman, selling household goods. In 1896 he located at Springfield, Missouri, where he remained three years. Coming from there to Quincy in 1899, Mr. Howard opened a retail store, putting in a stock of household furnishing goods. Succeeding well in his venture, he gradually enlarged his operations and is now carrying on a strictly wholesale business, his establishment being advantageously located at 117-119 North Third Street. He is also prominently identified with other important industries of the city, being president of the Quincy Paper Box Company, and likewise of the E. Howard Mercantile Company.

Mr. Howard married, March 14, 1894, Mrs. Julia Watson, widow of Beverly Watson, and they have one son, William Howard, who is associated in business with his father. Politically Mr. Howard is a democrat. Fraternally he is a thirty-third degree Mason, and is president of the Masonic Association. He also belongs to the Order of the United Commercial Travelers of America and to the Travelers' Protective Association.

**FRED G. WOLFE.** Most of the successful lawyers of the country have served at one time or another a period as an official prosecutor. It is considered one of the most valuable parts of a lawyer's experience, and in Illinois a lawyer who can retire with a creditable record as a state's attorney has his prospects for the future well insured. The office of prosecutor is also a splendid opportunity for public service, and as such it was regarded during Fred G. Wolfe's incumbency in Adams County from 1913 to 1917. Mr. Wolfe was a very able man in office, and has done much to distinguish himself in his profession. He is now serving as county judge, having been elected in November, 1918, on the democratic ticket for a four-year term.

He is a graduate of law from the University of Michigan Law Department with the class of 1909. He had been admitted to practice by examination at Chicago prior to his graduation. He at once located in Quincy, and the first case in which he appeared publicly as a member of the bar was as attorney for one party in a litigation over an estate. He won the case for his client.

Judge Wolfe was elected state's attorney of Adams County in 1912, and for four years gave all his efforts to the duties of the position. After retiring from that position he maintained his offices as an attorney in the Sterns Building and commanded a splendid practice.

He was born in Adams County, near Liberty, on a farm, December 20, 1876. He grew up as a farm boy, and was educated in the public schools until he entered college.

He represents one of the oldest families of Liberty Township. A record of things historical in that township states that the first sermon was preached there by George Wolfe of the Dunkard denomination in 1829, and a Dunkard church was organized in 1831. It was also Elder George Wolfe who solemnized the first marriage in the township. This pioneer of the Dunkard faith was the great-grandfather of Judge Wolfe. As an early settler he patented 160 acres of land, built a log cabin, and there lived and died. He had come from Union County, Illinois, and the family lived for a time at Kaskaskia before sojourning in Adams County. The great-grandfather was born in Pennsylvania in 1780, and is credited with being the first preacher of the Dunkard Church west of the Allegheny Mountains. He was a leader of a little colony of the brethren who settled as a group in Adams County. This pioneer minister was a notable figure in the early days, a man of great physical strength and equally strong in moral and religious convictions.

David Wolfe, grandfather of Fred G. Wolfe, also came to Adams County as a pioneer and built a log cabin adjacent to that of his father. This old log



building is still standing. He died in Liberty Township when in middle life. The maiden name of his wife was Permelia McKnight, who lived to be over ninety-four years of age. Both were active members of the Dunkard Church. David Wolfe was also prominent in public affairs, was a leader in the democratic party and at one time represented the county in the State Legislature. He died in 1879. Jacob B. Wolfe, father of the Quincy attorney, was born in the old log cabin home in Liberty Township in 1850. For many years he was a successful farmer in that locality, but for the past twenty years has been a general merchant at Coatsburg, in this county. He married Emily Grubb, who was born in this county and died in the fall of 1879, when in the prime of life. Her people were Presbyterians. Fred G. Wolfe was one of four children. His sister Nellie married Charles C. Lawless and died leaving two children. Ebert Wolfe lives in Quincy and has a family of three children. Josephine is the wife of Arthur Chandler and has two sons.

Fred G. Wolfe married in Quincy Miss Nita Williams, who was born in Missouri but reared and educated in Quincy.

Judge Wolfe is an active member of the County and State Bar associations, and in Masonry is a member of the various branches, including the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite. His father was at one time master of the Liberty Lodge No. 380. Judge Wolfe has membership in the Odd Fellows at Liberty, of which he is past grand, and is a member of the Elks and Moose at Quincy. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

FRED W. HECKENKAMP, JR., Supreme President of the Western Catholic Union, is one of the prominent Catholic laymen in Illinois. He has served fourteen years as supreme president of this order, with offices in the Illinois State Bank Building. His name is identified with many other Catholic institutions and affairs. He is a Knight of Columbus, a member of St. Joseph's Benevolent Society, of St. Aloysius Orphan Society, of the Catholic Federation, and does much to support and direct a number of activities under the immediate auspices and management of the Catholic Church.

His positions in the church and the responsibilities with which he has been honored are in large part a reflection of his successful private business career. Mr. Heckenkamp is a member of an old Quincy family and is proprietor of what is no doubt the largest greenhouse and floral establishment in the city. He owns two well equipped greenhouse plants on Adams and Jackson streets, and hundreds of people every year visit his peony and gladiolus farm near Harrison Street and Sixth Avenue. He has about five acres in cultivation to these flowers. It is no unusual thing for him to produce about 25,000 gladiolus bulbs every season, and he has two acres in peonies. He also grows about 10,000 asters every season. Under glass he has about 40,000 square feet.

This business was originally established in 1881 by his father, Fred W. Heckenkamp, Sr. It was a very small house on Adams Street, but the Heckenkamps apparently possessed the faculty of succeeding in the production of plants and flowers with the aid of nature, and when the business was turned over to Fred W., Jr., in 1891 it was already a growing and prospering concern. The son has increased it many fold. In 1896 he introduced a seed and produce commission business, but after continuing it for seven years gave it up in order to concentrate all his time and energies on his floral business. His business store and headquarters are at 126 North Sixth Avenue, where he has a fine plant. At his greenhouses he has a seasoning or underground cooler that keeps flowers in perfect condition after they are picked and before being marketed.

Fred W. Heckenkamp, Jr., was born in Quincy January 21, 1871, and was reared and educated here. He attended St. Francis College, and since reaching his majority has been in the floral business. He is a son of Fred W., Sr., and Mary A. (Kroner) Heckenkamp. Both were natives of the Kingdom of Hanover, and were young people when their respective parents came by way of New Orleans to America. The Heckenkamps arrived in Adams County in 1849

and the Kroners in 1845. They established homes on farms in Melrose Township, and there Fred W., Sr., and wife grew up. He was the first student to register in old St. Francis College, now Quincy College. Later he took up the vocation of teaching, and an old Quincy directory of forty years ago gives his name with the profession of teacher. For thirteen years he taught in St. Mary's parochial schools. He also did farming and gradually concentrated his efforts on the floral business. He finally became president of the German Fire Insurance Company of Quincy, but after six years retired from that office and engaged in the general fire insurance business on his own account and built up an immense patronage all over Adams County. He is now retired and with his wife lives at St. Vincent's Home in Quincy. Both were early members of St. Boniface Catholic Church but finally transferred their membership to St. Mary's parish. He has always been an active democrat, and was once an alderman from the third ward and was defeated after a strenuous campaign for the office of mayor. His wife first married John Vogelpohl, a native of Hanover, and an early business man of Quincy, long prominent in the affairs of the German Insurance Company. He died in the prime of life, leaving two daughters, only one of whom is now living, Sister Wilhelmina, Mother Superior of St. Elizabeth Academy at St. Louis. Fred W. Heckenkamp, Sr., and wife had eleven children, including: Mrs. Elizabeth Wiskirchen, who is married and has a family of sons and daughters; Mrs. Ed. D. Brewer, who is now business manager of St. Elizabeth Academy at St. Louis and has two daughters, both teachers; Fred W., Jr.; E. B., who is in the real estate business at Seattle, Washington, and has sons and daughters; Sophia, wife of William Wavering, of Wavering Brothers Milling Company at Quincy; Sister Chrisologa, a teacher in the parish schools of Quincy.

Fred W. Heckenkamp, Jr., married at Quincy Elizabeth Boll who was born there January 27, 1875, and was educated in St. Mary's school. Mr. and Mrs. Heckenkamp have a large family of children. Clara, who is the wife of Joseph Hutmacher, an accountant with the International Harvester Company of Chicago, and they have a daughter, Mary K. George, who was educated in St. Francis College and is now foreman in his father's greenhouse. Frank, who also assists his father in business. Joseph, a clerk in a city office. Robert, manager of his father's store; Antoinette and Bertha, both students in St. Mary's Academy; Fred W., III, and Henrietta, who is attending St. Mary's school. The family are all members of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

**HENRY L. MYERS.** For over sixty years much of the enterprise and well directed efforts that have gone into the clearing of the land and production of crops and other matters associated with the welfare of a well ordered community have come from the families in Gilmer and surrounding townships of the Myers relations. The name of the first pioneer of the family in this county was spelled Moyer, but in the present generation Myers is the accepted form.

Henry Moyer or Myers was born in Pennsylvania June 25, 1802. January 3, 1828, he married Anna Tinsman. She was born May 31, 1811. Henry Myers died in 1869, at the age of sixty-seven, and his widow survived to the age of eighty-eight. The record of their children is as follows: Polly M., who was the first wife of Mose Wareman; Jacob T.; Nancy, who was the second wife of Mose Wareman; Sarah, widow of Doctor Gilland and living at Coatsburg; Catherine, who lives in California, widow of William Osborn; Lovina, a resident of Oklahoma, widow of Simon Young; Cyrus C.; Jesse J.; John Henry; Elvira, Mrs. Frank Dudley, living near Mendon; Izarra, deceased wife of Frank Ogle; Leroy, deceased; Vannatta, Mrs. James Evans of Mendon Township; and Lutulles is the only male survivor of this generation and lives at Fowler in this county.

Jacob T. Myers, son of Henry Myers, was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, November 1, 1832. In 1851, at the age of nineteen, he accompanied his parents to Mendon Township, settling two miles northwest of Fowler.



It was in that community that Henry Myers and wife spent their last years. On October 30, 1856, Jacob T. Myers married Mary E. Wilhoit. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. H. G. Abernathy. She was born in Columbus Township of Adams County May 15, 1838, a daughter of William and Delilah (Curry) Wilhoit, who had come from Kentucky to Illinois about 1835. Jacob Myers became a highly successful and prosperous farmer, accumulating 270 acres three miles southwest of Columbus in Gilmer Township. In that community he passed away July 11, 1909, at the age of seventy-seven. His first wife died May 3, 1885. In 1887 he married for his second wife Mrs. Mary Gamble, who was a native of Baltimore, Maryland. She died March 1, 1913.

The children of Jacob Myers by his first wife were: Annie, Mrs. Joseph Haley of Columbus, her family being subject of separate mention on other pages; Melvina Ogle, who died soon after her marriage; Loretta, deceased wife of Thomas Yeargain, of Paloma; David Lee, a farmer in Gilmer Township; George E., a farmer who lives at Topeka, Kansas; Mary Elizabeth, Mrs. H. B. Coffield, of San Diego, California; Wilbur L., who owns the old Myers homestead; Henry L.; Ida, wife of Elmer Kessler, of Camp Point Township; Delilah May, Mrs. G. E. Dickhut, of Topeka, Kansas.

Representing the third generation of the family in this county are the several sons and daughters just mentioned. At this point reference is made to Henry L. Myers, whose home is in Gilmer Township, a mile south of Fowler and eleven miles northeast of Quincy. He was born in that township February 28, 1874, and his early life was spent on the old farm and in the local schools. For nine years he provided for his family as a renter, eight years on one of his father's farms. In 1908 he bought his present place, the old Chase farm of 211½ acres in one body. Mr. Myers is one of the men who paid a high price for his land, but has justified the purchase through his intelligent and thrifty management. His farm cost him \$14,800 and he has since rebuilt the house and added many other improvements. He farms on the general or mixed plan, and feeds a number of carloads of cattle, hogs and other livestock. Mr. Myers is a democrat in politics as was his father before him, who filled several local offices, including that of township supervisor. Mr. Myers and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

March 16, 1898, Henry L. Myers married Miss Nellie M. Horner, daughter of Albert L. and Maria (Seaton) Horner, a prominent family of Camp Point Township, whose record is given on other pages. Mrs. Myers was born in this county September 27, 1877.

One of the matters deserving space in any history of Adams County is the introduction of blue grass into the county. That important work is credited to Mrs. Myers' maternal grandfather, John S. Seaton, one of the early settlers and brother of Richard Seaton, well known in the county as a banker and former sheriff. John S. Seaton after settling in the county went back to Jefferson County, Kentucky, where he was born, and spent several days in stripping the seed from a quantity of bluegrass until he had a barrelful. He brought this to Adams County, and sowed it in fence corners and at other appropriate spots around his farm, and thus began the cultivation of one of the most valuable grasses known to mankind.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers are parents of three bright and interesting children: Horner Seaton, born January 7, 1899; Wilbur Halford, born March 29, 1903; and Eleanor, born February 20, 1908. These children are still at home and Horner graduated from the Maplewood High School at Camp Point in 1918.

**SIMON DUKER.** Inheriting to a marked degree the business ability and integrity characteristic of his father, the late John Herman Duker, Simon Duker, of Quincy, is prominently identified with the commercial interests of this section of Adams County, which has always been his home, his birth having occurred June 11, 1858, in Quincy.

His paternal grandfather, Gerhardt Duker, was born in Hanover, Germany,







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and there after attaining man's estate he followed the carpenter's trade until his death, while yet in manhood's prime. In 1847 his widow, Elizabeth Duker, came with her three sons, John Herman, Theodore and Henry, to the United States, landing in New Orleans, Louisiana. Six weeks later she came up the river with her boys to St. Louis, Missouri, where she lived for two months. Coming from there to Quincy, Illinois, in the fall of 1847, she continued a resident of the city until her death.

A lad of fourteen years when he arrived in Adams County with his mother and brothers, John Herman Duker, who had acquired a practical education in Hanover, Germany, his native place, served an apprenticeship at the saddler's trade, which he afterwards followed as a journeyman for a few years. Subsequently, in partnership with John Kuhl, he established in Quincy a harness and saddlery store, with which he was identified until 1859. Selling his interest in 1859, he was engaged in the grocery business with his brother Theodore until 1871, when they embarked in the wholesale liquor trade under the firm name of J. H. Duker & Brother, locating at No. 323 Hampshire Street, Quincy. In 1837 John Herman Duker, senior member of the above named firm, became one of the stockholders of the Quincy National Bank, of which he was made president a short time later, a responsible position which he filled most ably and satisfactorily until his death, November 14, 1903.

John H. Duker married, in 1856, Clara Elizabeth Glass, who was born in Quincy, a daughter of Simon and Margaret (Liebig) Glass, and she died at her beautiful home in Quincy in February, 1912. Of the ten children born of their union, six are now living, as follows: Simon, the special subject of this brief sketch; Ann M., wife of John C. Ordning; Nina M., wife of Doctor Blickham; Ellen M., who with her brother Simon occupies the commodious granite mansion built by her father; John, employed in the Quincy National Bank; and Clara, wife of Harry Beatty, of Los Angeles, California. Both of the parents were members of Saint Boniface Catholic Church. In politics the father was an influential member of the democratic party, and for twenty-five years was a member of the Quincy Board of Education, and an important factor in developing the present admirable public school system.

Finding employment in a general store in 1874, Simon Duker worked in the establishment a year, after which he resumed his studies, attending school for a year. The following three years he worked for the firm of J. H. Duker & Brother, of which his father was at the head, and at the age of twenty-one years started in business for himself as a dealer in agricultural implements, continuing for five years, when he had the misfortune to be burned out. Mr. Duker in 1888 entered his father's store, with which he has since been associated. In 1904 the business was incorporated under its present firm name, J. H. Duker & Brother Company, with Simon Duker, president and treasurer; Otto Duker, vice president; and John C. Ordning, secretary. Mr. Duker is a director of the Quincy National Bank, of which his father was formerly president. True to the religious faith in which he was reared, he is a valued member of the Saint Boniface Catholic Church.

**WALTER A. HEIDBREDER.** One of the enterprising young business men of Quincy, who bears a name that has been honored here in commercial circles for many years, is Walter A. Heidbreder, who is assistant cashier of the State Street Bank and is interested in other successful enterprises here. He was born at Quincy, Illinois, July 22, 1879, and is a son of J. Herman and Anna (Junker) Heidbreder.

The late J. Herman Heidbreder was among the foremost business men of Quincy. He was born in Germany and with other members of his family came to the United States in 1851 and located at Quincy, where misfortune overtook the parents, whereby the youth was thrown entirely upon his own resources. It is well to recall this because of the example he set, through industry and integrity overcoming great hardships and in the course of time reaching affluence



and high public esteem. For almost a quarter of a century he was engaged in the dry goods business, later was interested successfully in handling real estate, and in 1890, in association with other capitalists, founded the State Street Bank, of which he was cashier during the rest of his life, his death occurring August 28, 1907. He is recalled as one of the city's generous and public spirited men, a friend and promoter of educational and religious movements. He married Anna Junker, a native of Germany, who died March 18, 1911, and eleven children were born to them, the following surviving: Walter A.; William H., who is secretary of the Gem City Stove Manufacturing Company; Clara M., who is the wife of H. C. Sprick; Harry J., who is with the State Street Bank; Minnie, who is the wife of Charles Seifert, of Quincy; and Alma, who is the wife of M. M. Hess, of Saskatchewan, Canada.

Walter A. Heidbreder was educated in the public schools of Quincy and then took a commercial course in the Gem City Business College. In 1897 he entered the State Street Bank and has been identified with this financial institution ever since, with the exception of one year, 1899-1900, when he was with the Gem City Stove Company. Since 1907 Mr. Heidbreder has been assistant cashier. He is financially interested in and is a director of the Central Iron Works at Quincy and of the Gem City Stove Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Heidbreder is a republican in his political affiliation. Fraternally he is a Thirty-second degree Mason and belongs also to the Order of Moose and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of St. Peter's German Evangelical Church.

**JOHN G. CLOUGH.** The automobile repair business together with the handling of first class cars, founded on economic necessity, has become so important in every section of the country that it is not surprising that men of enterprise and business sagacity have turned aside from other lucrative occupations to engage in this. Quincy has excellent examples and a prospering firm is that of Clough, Reihm & Company, the members of which are John G. Clough and Charles L. Reihm.

John G. Clough was born at North Amherst, Ohio, May 5, 1875. His parents were John B. and Jane E. (Gerrish) Clough. The father was a native of Ohio and the mother was born at Brownlow, Illinois. They had a family of five children, John G. being the third in order of birth.

A public school education laid the foundation on which John G. Clough commenced to rear his business structure. His inclinations and opportunities led him in certain channels and when twenty-one years of age he was engaged in a rock quarry business at Griggsville, Illinois, and later engaged in concrete contracting. He was one of the pioneers in the concrete industry. In 1905 Mr. Clough came to Quincy and in partnership with his brothers, Warren B. and Everett S., of Quincy, went into the business of manufacturing concrete blocks and continued in the industry until 1911, when he sold out to E. B. Gibson.

In the meanwhile Mr. Clough, as a shrewd business man, had become interested in the automobile business. In 1912 he erected at No. 1738 Broadway a spacious business structure of re-inforced concrete, 50 by 100 feet in dimensions, two stories in height, one of the most practical and substantial business buildings in the city. In 1914 Charles L. Reihm became a partner, when the present firm style was assumed of Clough, Reihm & Company. A general repairing business is done and the firm makes a specialty of handling the Chevrolet cars and the Republic trucks, and undoubtedly, as far as this firm is concerned, the motor car industry is in a very satisfactory condition.

Mr. Clough was married to Miss Emma Bennett, who was born at Kinderhook, Illinois. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. Never very active in politics, nevertheless Mr. Clough always casts his vote with the republican party, and when called upon as a good citizen bears his share of public responsibility. He is looked upon as one of Quincy's reliable and representative men.

ANDREW JACKSON TITTLE is a man of mark in the community of Honey Creek Township, and his life is significant because it has been lived for others more than for himself, and for that reason he is thoroughly deserving of all the esteem in which he is held by his community. Mr. Tittle's farm home is 2½ miles east and a mile north of Mendon in Honey Creek Township.

It was on this farm and in a house which is still standing as part of the building improvements that Mr. Tittle was born April 18, 1862. His parents were A. Johnson and Margaret (Montgomery) Tittle. His father was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, November 2, 1809, his parents being natives of the same county. The traditional accounts that have been handed down indicate that the family originally had its home in Austria, but remote generations ago they settled in Ireland and Scotland. Their home was in Pennsylvania during the colonial period. A. Johnson Tittle came to Illinois in 1856. His brother Hamilton had settled in Adams County two years before, establishing a home in Honey Creek Township. A. Johnson Tittle in 1858 secured a tract of wild land at \$10 an acre, and soon afterward erected the house in which his son Andrew Jackson was born. Of that land he cleared up forty-five acres and had most of it under cultivation before overtaken by old age. He died here April 9, 1899, when in his ninetieth year. He kept his faculties unimpaired almost to the end. He was never a public man, though voting as a republican, and at the time of his death was the oldest member of the Congregational Church at Mendon. He had had an adventurous life before coming to Adams County. In 1850 he went out to California, being six months on the vessel which took him around the Horn. His brother Jonathan crossed the plains to California in 1849. A. Johnson Tittle while in California was a miner and a charcoal burner. He and a companion with whom he had burned charcoal on the shores of Lake Superior some years before lived in a small hut, and this companion was stricken with the smallpox. Johnson Tittle remained with him, careless of his own danger, and nursed and comforted the sick man until he died. His experience in California netted him considerable money but he brought back very little of it. He was there five years, and soon after returning to Pennsylvania came west to Adams County. His many travels and experiences furnished him with interesting anecdotes which made him popular among the younger generation, and he was also greatly esteemed for his strict integrity and good citizenship. His wife died in August, 1870. His brother Hamilton died at Mendon July 2, 1877, when about sixty years of age. A daughter of Hamilton Tittle is Mrs. Henry Worman of Mendon. Of the four children of A. Johnson Tittle and wife Andrew Jackson is the only survivor, and was the third in age. His brother William lived in Adams County until twenty-three years of age and then moved to LaBelle, Missouri, where he died May 4, 1918. Lizzie L. married G. D. Riddle, who for five years was a farmer and merchant at Oxford, Indiana, and they later moved to Boulder, Colorado, where Mrs. Riddle died September 25, 1916. Anna A., who died in February, 1901, was the wife of William McGinley, who settled in Keene Township five years and then removed to LaBelle, Missouri.

Andrew Jackson Tittle grew up on the old farm, and twelve years before his father's death took its active management. He succeeded to the ownership of the place upon his father's death. He remained at home looking after his parents and when relieved of these responsibilities he went out to Guthrie County, Iowa, and cared for an uncle, Andrew Jackson Tittle, for whom he was named, until that uncle died at the age of eighty-five. Thus a large part of his life has been devoted to the care and welfare of others. At the age of twenty Mr. Tittle went out to the western frontier of Kansas and in Finney County took up a pre-emption, secured title to the land, and still owns it, though he has never had opportunity to develop it as a farm. It is in the wheat growing and grazing district of Western Kansas. Mr. Tittle is most comfortable situated, has a good farm, and in 1917 erected a modern country home. In 1907 he married Miss Eleanor Taylor, daughter of Paul and Eliza (Kerrick)



Taylor. Mrs. Tittle was born near Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Tittle served two terms as road commissioner, is a republican, and is prominent in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Mendon, filling all the local chairs, and serving as noble grand and representative to the Grand Lodge.

W. EMERY LANCASTER is a native of Adams County, in early life was a farmer, but for the past fifteen years has been steadily adding to his honors and emoluments as a successful lawyer.

Mr. Lancaster was born June 17, 1875, a son of William and Isabel (Prather) Lancaster. Both parents were born in this county, were substantial farming people, and both are now deceased. There were seven children: Warren, deceased; Martha, wife of William Herron, of La Prairie; Mollie, wife of James Herron, of Bowen, Illinois; Sherman, of Carthage, Illinois; Frank, of La Prairie; Charles, who lives in Wyoming; and W. Emery.

W. Emery Lancaster spent his boyhood on a farm and received most of his education in the La Prairie public schools. Later he graduated in 1894 from the West Normal College at Bushnell, Illinois. He completed the regular course of study in Knox College at Galesburg, where he graduated Bachelor of Science in 1899. This was followed by his preparation for the law at the University of Michigan, in which he had the degree LL. B., awarded him in 1902. He then began practice at Quincy, as a member of the firm Govert & Lancaster. Besides his present practice Mr. Lancaster is a director of the State Savings & Loan Company and of the Halbach Schroeder Company. He is a democrat and a member of the Masonic Order. October 10, 1906, he married Miss Edith Halbach. They have one daughter, Virginia, born July 20, 1908.

JOHN KORN. A man of pronounced executive and financial ability, John Korn occupies a position of note among the prominent and prosperous business men of the city, being manager of one of a chain of five bakeries that have been established by himself, father and brothers, four of them being in the Central West and one in a far western state. A son of Henry Korn, he was born September 18, 1874, in Davenport, Iowa, and was there reared and educated.

Henry Korn left Germany, his native land, at the age of eighteen years, coming to America, the land of hope and promise. Locating in Maryland, he worked at the baker's trade in Baltimore for awhile. Subsequently migrating to Davenport, Iowa, he started in the bakery business on his own account, and in the management of his affairs met with rare success. He accumulated a competency, and is now living retired from active pursuits, the Davenport bakery which he established upwards of half a century ago being now under the supervision of his oldest son, William H. Korn. Henry Korn's wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Alheit, was born in Germany, and came to this country with her parents when a girl. Seven children have been born into their home, as follows: William H., managing the Davenport bakery; Charles, of Davenport, Iowa; Henry, of Eugene, Oregon; Lina, widow of John Kaufmann, of Davenport; John, with whom this brief sketch is principally concerned; Bertha, living at home; and Otto, of Clinton, Iowa.

Acquiring his early education in the public schools of Davenport, his native city, John Korn was actually reared in the home bakery, he and his brothers having assisted their father in the upbuilding of an extensive and lucrative bakery business which is now strictly a family corporation. Five plants have been established by the Korn family, as follows: one in Davenport, operated by William H. Korn; one at Rock Island, Illinois; one in Clinton, Iowa; one in Quincy, Illinois, managed by the son John; and one at Eugene, Oregon. Coming to Quincy, Illinois, in 1910, Mr. Korn built his present plant, a two-story building 100 by 106 feet, with a capacity of 10,000 loaves of bread a day. The bakery is amply supplied with the most modern machinery and appliances

for carrying on the work, and its products are in great demand not only in Quincy but in all villages and towns within a radius of fifty miles.

Mr. Korn married, September 27, 1905, Helen Volkland, and they are the parents of two children, Elizabeth and Katherine. Politically Mr. Korn votes for the best men and measures, regardless of party restrictions. He is prominent in fraternal circles, being a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and likewise belonging to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member and a past president of the Quincy Rotary Club, which he organized a few years ago.

JOHN A. STILLWELL, president of the Electric Wheel Company, Quincy, Illinois, was born at Hannibal in Marion County, Missouri, January 23, 1861. His parents were Brison and Margaret (Duncan) Stillwell, both of whom were born in Kentucky, probably being of Scotch parentage. For many years the father was in the pork packing business. His death occurred in 1876, six children surviving him and four of these still living. The mother died in 1916.

An only son, John A. Stillwell was given excellent educational advantages. In 1886 he entered the banking house of L. & C. H. Bull at Quincy as a clerk, and he continued there for four years when circumstances led to his entering, in 1890, the employ of the Electric Wheel Company as manager, thus continuing until he became the president of the company. He is now one of Quincy's representative business men and most worthy citizens.

Mr. Stillwell was married in December, 1893, to Miss Elizabeth M. Newcomb, and they have three children, namely: Newcomb, who is a member of the aviation corps of the National army; Brison, attending Harvard College; and Alan, who is a student in the Quincy High School. Mr. Stillwell has never been particularly active in politics but his opinions on public questions have made him a democrat and he is loyal in party support.

STEPHEN DOUGLAS SHIPE. The Shipes are one of the oldest and best known families in Lima Township, where they have lived since pioneer times. Forty years ago there were some four or five different families of Shipes located on farms around Lima, and the name is still prominently represented in that community by Stephen Douglas Shipe, whose home is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of Lima on the Hancock County line.

In 1858 Illinois and the nation was aroused over the unique series of debates carried on by Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas, debates which made these two figures the foremost personalities in the nation. Daniel Shipe was an ardent admirer of the "little giant" and consequently when a son was born into his household on the 23d of September he gave him the name Stephen Douglas. Stephen Douglas Shipe was born in the house that he still occupies as a home. It is one of the oldest homes in that part of the county and has been standing for fully sixty years.

His father, Daniel Shipe, was born in Pennsylvania in 1819. The grandfather when about eighty years of age came to Adams County and settled in Ursa Township. A member of the second generation of the family was William Shipe, known as Uncle Billie, who lived in Hancock County until his death in October, 1918, at eighty-seven years of age. Daniel Shipe bought a homestead north of Lima from Lafayette Frazer, and it was in 1857 that he built the house in which Stephen Douglas Shipe was born and now lives. Daniel Shipe went to California in the gold excitement and gained his start by his operations as a miner in the West. He lived to be more than sixty years of age, and his widow died when past eighty. One of their sons died in childhood, and there were two children who reached maturity, Amelia, who lives in Lima, widow of John O. Perry, and Stephen Douglas.

Stephen D. Shipe as the only surviving son remained with his mother on the home farm, and as his growing strength permitted aided her in the heavy task



of handling the farm as well as managing the household. Mr. Shipe married in 1880 Miss Clara Barton, of Lima, and after his marriage took over the farm and has since conducted it independently for over thirty years. Forty acres of the old homestead went to his sister, but he now has eighty-two acres of that tract and also fifty-five acres of timber land. Mr. Shipe has erected all the buildings and placed the other permanent improvements on the farm except the house. He is engaged in general farming, and for eight or ten years has been a cattle feeder and buys a number of cattle and hogs every year. He has never sought notice in public affairs and is a member of no society or church. He and his wife had five children. William Alfred is a farmer near the old home and married Edith Crow; Bertha Viola is the wife of James Marsh, a Lima Township farmer; Lenora Ellen lives with her father and is the widow of George Woodworth. Mrs. Woodworth has two children, Elmer Douglas and Mary Ellen, who was born after the death of her father, who died from blood poisoning when not yet thirty years of age. The other two children of Mr. and Mrs. Shipe are Amelia Frances, who died at the age of sixteen, and Mary May, who married Paul Brickman, who died September 20, 1918, leaving one daughter, Wilma Eugene. Mrs. Brickman makes her home with her parents.

PATRICK W. REARDON is one of the best known public officials of Quincy and has been active in politics and affairs for a number of years. He is now serving his second term as police magistrate of Quincy, having been first elected in 1911 and again in 1915.

Mr. Reardon was born in Quincy January 29, 1871. His boyhood education was acquired in the parochial schools. He has always manifested a commendable degree of public spirit and has been associated with men who earned their livings by definite and positive service. As a young man he worked for some time as a freight car checker with the Burlington Railroad. At the same time, realizing some deficiencies in his education, he attended night school and thus prepared himself for larger responsibilities. For about five years he also worked as a freight checker in the local offices of the O. K. Railway. Mr. Reardon in 1895 became a patrolman on the Quincy police force and ten years later was taken from the police department and made clerk of the Police Court, where he served six years, until his first election as police magistrate. Judge Reardon has been one of the local leaders in the democratic party of Quincy for a number of years.

He is of Irish parentage, a son of Michael and Amelia (Burns) Reardon, both natives of County Limerick. His father came when a young man to New York City. The girl he had grown up with and pledged his troth to in Ireland followed him somewhat later and they married in New York City and immediately after their wedding came west to Quincy, where they spent the rest of their days. They now rest side by side in St. Peter's cemetery. The father died at the age of sixty-six and the mother at seventy-four. Both were active members of St. Rose Catholic Church. Of their children, Thomas J. was a railway conductor for many years and died in 1905, leaving a widow, who is also deceased. James A., who died May 7, 1918, at St. Louis, was a prominent manufacturer and business man of that city, and had extensive interests in Old Mexico. He left a widow and three sons and one daughter. One son is Lieut. Ambrose Reardon in the Aviation Corps. John E. lives at St. Louis and is superintendent of the Reardon Manufacturing Company, of which his brother was the founder. John has seven children, and two of them are representing the family in the American army. Walter is in a branch of the service concerned with high explosives, while Lawrence is an enlisted man. Michael J. lives in Kansas City and is assistant yardmaster of the Missouri Pacific Railway, is married and has a son and four daughters.

Patrick W. Reardon, the youngest of the family, married Catherine E. Daniels, who represents one of the oldest families of Adams County. She was reared and educated in the country districts. They have two children,

Catherine A., born August 27, 1907, and John, born March 2, 1910. The family are members of St. Rose Catholic Church and Judge Reardon is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Western Catholic Union, the Woodmen of the World, and for two years, 1916-17, served as president of the local branch of the Eagles.

GROVER C. MILLER. For over eighty years the Miller family stood second to none among the business, social and civic leaders of Ursa Township. Representing the third generation of the family, Grover C. Miller has applied himself successfully to railroading and telegraphy, but is now well established as a general merchant at Marcelline and does a flourishing trade over the surrounding territory.

He was born at Marcelline December 18, 1884. He is a grandson of Uriah K. Miller, one of the honored pioneers of Ursa Township. Uriah K. Miller was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, December 16, 1825, and died November 27, 1899. He was brought to Adams County in 1833 when eight years of age, grew up on the frontier, and was a successful farmer and a highly energetic citizen. He acquired 320 acres of land in section 36 of Ursa Township and did much to improve that during his active career. In the time of the Civil war he enlisted in Company B of the Seventy-eighth Illinois Infantry, and saw active service for 2½ years. He was a democrat in politics and a member of the Christian Church. In 1846 he married Miss Elizabeth Jane Groves, who was born in Wabash County, Illinois, May 17, 1830, and died May 11, 1916, when nearly eighty-six years of age. They had three children: John W., Daniel B. and Martha A. The old homestead of Uriah K. Miller, a half mile south and 1½ miles west of Marcelline, is now occupied by his son Daniel B. Another well known member of the family was William E. Miller, brother of Uriah K., whose home farm was also in section 36 of Ursa Township.

John W. Miller, father of Grover C., was born November 13, 1850, and died October 20, 1914. He spent his active career as a farmer near the old homestead, but was chiefly known through his extensive activities as a cattle buyer and cattle drover. He was one of the largest buyers operating at the Quincy markets. He also served as highway commissioner and levee commissioner and was an active democrat. He married Martha Virginia Rockwell, who was born December 23, 1858, and is still living at Lima. They were the parents of the following children: Arthur, who lives on the home farm; Lillie, who was born January 24, 1880, married Bert Miller and died February 24, 1906, at the age of twenty-six; Lottie, twin sister of Lillie, became the wife of Arthur Adair, who is now serving in the United States army; Minnie, who died after her marriage to William Ament; Grover C.; and Elizabeth, wife of William Harness, of Lima.

Grover C. Miller was born at Marcelline December 18, 1884, and was named in honor of Grover Cleveland, who had been elected president only a few weeks before his birth. He lived at home until twenty, and secured his education partly in the grammar school and the high school at Quincy, and was also two years in the National Business College. He perfected himself in telegraphy and did his first practical work as an operator at West Quincy. He also spent six months in California as a warehouseman with the Southern Pacific Company, and for six months was an operator with the Butte County Railroad, for 1½ years was operator and cashier in the offices at Chico and Marysville, California, with the Northern Electric Company, and then resumed employment with the Butte County Railroad for three years as agent at Paradise, California.

Returning East, he became a relief operator with the Burlington Railway for six months, and at one time was towerman in the Interlocking plant near Keokuk. On giving up railroading Mr. Miller returned to Adams County and for two years was identified with the restaurant and general store business at Lima. He then came to Marcelline and succeeded J. B. Taylor as general mer-



chant. This business is one of the oldest in that village, having been established about 1885 by George H. Walker, who built the store building now used. Several years later he sold out to Jasper and James McAdams, who in turn sold to U. K. Miller, a grandson of Uriah K. Miller, Sr. Other successive owners were William Worley, Bert Miller, John Gerard, Ed Ensminger, James Inghram, Elmer Andrews, and Ed Osgood, who were succeeded by Mr. J. B. Taylor and from him Mr. Miller bought the establishment in 1915. He now gives all his time to his store and enjoys the confidence and patronage of one of the most prosperous farming communities in the county.

Mr. Miller is an independent democrat in politics. At the age of twenty-one he married Miss Leah Laughlin, daughter of D. C. and Melissa (Shepherd) Laughlin, of Mendon Township. They have a family of two children, Gerald Edwin and Bruce Russell. The family are members of the Christian Church of Marcelline, and Mr. Miller is also affiliated with the local lodge of Masons.

**NIKLAUS KOHL.** Possessing rare business ability and judgment, with a capacity for affairs of magnitude, Niklaus Kohl holds a place of importance among the merchants of Adams County and has also the distinction of being the pioneer wholesale grocer of Quincy. He was born March 19, 1836, in the southern part of Germany, where he grew to man's estate. He is a son of the late John and Margaret (Schaeffer) Kohl, natives of Germany, who were the parents of nine children, as follows: Lawrence; Leonard; John; Phillip and Lawrence, all deceased; Niklaus, the subject of this sketch; Margaret; Adam; and Peter.

Having acquired a practical education Niklaus Kohl was variously employed for a few years. Not content with his limited opportunities for there obtaining a livelihood, he immigrated to the United States in 1857, coming directly to Quincy, where he hoped to find work. He was poor in pocket but rich in energy and ambition, and for a few years toiled industriously at whatever he could find to do. In 1860, or thereabout, he secured a position with James T. Baker, a prominent grocer, with whom he remained seven years, when his employer sold out. Mr. Kohl then entered the wholesale grocery house of Austin & Company, which subsequently became Austin & Manson. Industrious and intelligently interested in his work, he soon became familiar with the details of the business, and when the junior member of the firm was ready to retire Mr. Kohl purchased his share, and the firm name was changed to Austin & Kohl. Mr. Austin retiring in July, 1896, Mr. Kohl organized the N. Kohl Grocer Company, of which he has since been president, while his son Adam, who is now dead, was vice president and his son George cashier; Edward is also a member of the firm and a grandson, Mathew J., is secretary of the wholesale grocery company.

Soon after its organization, this enterprising firm bought on Fourth Street, between Hampshire and Vermont streets, the large building it now occupies, and having entirely remodeled it has now one of the most conveniently and neatly arranged and best stocked wholesale grocery establishments in the Central West.

Mr. Kohl has been three times married. He married first Katherine Eva Kunkle, a native of Germany. She died at a comparatively early age, her death occurring in May, 1881. Children were born of their union as follows: George, of Quincy; Adam, deceased; Maria K., deceased; Eva E., deceased; Edward, of Quincy; and Maria, Nicholas A., Anna, Nicholas, Theresa, and Mary, all deceased, and Emma who is living. The maiden name of his second wife was Aggie Webber. Mr. Kohl married for his third wife Mrs. Mary (Wielager) Fischer, who was born in Hanover, Germany. She was the widow of John C. Fischer, who died November 1, 1887. By her first marriage Mrs. Kohl was the mother of eight children, namely: Otelia, wife of Theodore Ehaart, of Quincy; Martha, wife of Otto Duker; John J. Fischer; Rose Henrietta, wife of Fred Romony, of Saint Paul, Minnesota; Joseph W.; William D., deceased; Frank H.,



*Mr. Thomas T. Tull*



*Mr. Henry A. Kohl*





of Quincy; and Elizabeth A., deceased. Politically Mr. Kohl is a steadfast democrat. He is a member of the Western Catholic Union, and of Saint Boniface Church, as is also his wife.

**MAURICE E. VASEN.** The name Vasen has been an honored one in the business and financial history of Quincy for half a century. The special genius of the family seems to have exemplified itself in the organization and administration of co-operative financial affairs. More than anything else the name is associated with building and loan associations, and in that field of finance doubtless there was not a more accomplished student and authority in the Middle West than the late Benjamin G. Vasen, many of whose interests and activities are carried on today in Quincy by his son Maurice E. Vasen.

Benjamin G. Vasen was born in Philadelphia July 2, 1857, and became a resident of Quincy when his parents located there ten years later. His public schooling was supplemented by a thorough course in bookkeeping and mathematics at a commercial college. His business experience began very early when at the age of thirteen he went to work for the firm of Hirsch & Vasen. For a time he was bookkeeper and cashier in the branch house of J. Jonas & Company at St. Joseph, Missouri.

On returning to Quincy in January, 1875, though then only eighteen years of age, he was put in charge of the Building Association and Loan Department of the firm of Morton & Nichols. He soon became an expert in this branch of the business and became independently established in the insurance, real estate and loan business in 1881.

In November, 1883, he organized and became the first secretary of the People's Savings Loan & Building Association, and in December, 1885, was elected secretary of the Quincy Building & Homestead Association. Those executive offices he continued to hold up to the time of his death on December 2, 1916. In January, 1875, he had become assistant secretary of the Quincy Building & Homestead Association. Of this business he made a close study and his interest and enthusiasm, combined with rare natural gift, served to make him widely accepted as an authority. Shortly before his death it was stated that he had handled over \$5,000,000 for the two associations of which he was secretary, without a single loss. Among his other qualifications he was an expert accountant. Outside of Quincy Benjamin G. Vasen was probably best known because of his long term, beginning in June, 1890, as secretary of the Building Association League of Illinois. Through that office he became instrumental in shaping much of the legislation governing building associations in the state. In 1893 he also helped organize the United States League of Local Building and Loan Associations and was its secretary for two years, declining re-election for a third term.

In 1881 Benjamin G. Vasen married Julia Eschner, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who died October 2, 1900, the mother of four children: Freda J., wife of Joseph M. Allen, of Chicago; Maurice E. and George B. of Quincy; and Beulah C., wife of H. Archer Wild, of Chicago.

Maurice E. Vasen was born at Quincy September 21, 1885, graduated from the local high school in 1903, then entered the University of Illinois, where he graduated in the Liberal Arts Department in 1907, and in 1909 was awarded the Master's degree. In the meantime he had entered the Northwestern University Law School at Chicago and finished his course in 1909. For four years he remained in Chicago practicing law with the firm Howe, Fordham & Vasen. He then returned to Quincy and practiced law, but since his election as secretary of the Quincy Building & Homestead Association and the People's Savings Loan & Building Association he has found his time fully occupied with handling the many responsibilities of the association whose combined assets now aggregate almost \$1,000,000. He is also secretary of the Building Association League of Illinois, where again he was successor to his father.

Maurice E. Vasen is a former member of the Hamilton Club of Chicago,

belongs to the Illini Club of Chicago, is affiliated with the Masonic orders, including the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite and the Shrine, with the Elks, with the local Country Club, the Rotary Club and in politics is a republican.

On November 6, 1913, he was married to Miss Ione Ode Ellis, a resident of Quincy, who has achieved considerable local fame as a vocalist.

EDWARD F. WITTLER, a young, ambitious, progressive farmer of Ellington Township, whose home is in section 4, has already surrounded himself with many of those possessions and comforts which every ambitious man desires. His farm comprises 126 acres. It is well situated and naturally drained, and with excellent improvements. There are good farm buildings, including a barn 36 by 50 feet, and a good ten room house. The land grows splendid crops, corn, wheat and oats, besides a three acre apple orchard and seven acres in mixed fruits. Most of the revenue from his farm aside from the fruit comes from livestock, and he has good grades of horses, hogs and cattle.

Mr. Wittler has lived on and owned his farm for two years. Prior to that he farmed on the Hulse and other farms in the township.

Mr. Wittler was born in Gilmer Township of this county December 8, 1876. A year after his birth his parents moved to Ellington Township and he grew up there, attending the Washington schoolhouse. He is a son of William and Flora (Disselhorst) Wittler. His father was born in St. Louis. His mother was born in Hanover and came to America with her father, Henry Disselhorst, her mother having died in Germany. Her family settled in Adams County, where her father, Henry, lived to a good old age and died at the home of his daughter. William Wittler after his marriage began on a small farm in Ellington Township and by hard work and careful saving made a good home in section 9. He became owner of eighty acres, erected some good buildings and was a man of consequence in that community. He died on the old farm December 6, 1912, at the age of sixty-two. His widow is still living there. Both were members of the Evangelical Church and William Wittler filled several minor offices. In the family were seven children, four sons and three daughters, all of whom are married and all but one live in Adams County.

Edward F. Wittler, the second child in the family, married in Gilmer Township November 12, 1902, Miss Emma Haxel. She was born in Adams County May 18, 1886, and received her education in the Mount Pleasant School. Her parents were Henry and Anna (Korves) Haxel, both born in this country but of German parentage. Henry Haxel died in 1887, in the prime of life, leaving his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Wittler and Carrie, the latter the wife of Barney Brinkman. Mrs. Haxel subsequently married Joseph Herzog, and she still lives in Adams County. Her two daughters by her second marriage are now married.

Mr. and Mrs. Wittler are the parents of four children: Elmer William J., born November 25, 1904, is in the sixth grade of the common schools; Edward C., born October 4, 1910, is in the third grade; Virgil H., born March 22, 1914, and Florence A., born October 19, 1917. The family are members of the Lutheran Church at Fowler, and Mr. Wittler is a democrat.

ALDO SOMMER. Long before his life came to its peaceful close in death on August 7, 1916, Aldo Sommer had impressed his character and ability upon the permanent commercial fortunes of Quincy. He was founder of the Aldo Sommer Drug Company, one of the largest wholesale drug houses in the Middle West. The fortunes of this organization are now carried on largely by his family.

It is a business comprising a large office and store at 213-15 North Third Street. The firm occupies a three-story building and basement 60 by 100 feet, and the firm employs twenty or more persons in the office and store and also have six commercial salesmen covering the states of Illinois and Missouri.



More than forty years ago Aldo Sommer engaged in business at Quincy, and with Daniel E. Lynds established a copartnership in 1875. They handled exclusively a wholesale drug business, and they were located on the south half of the present location of the store until a fire destroyed the building in 1894. About that time Mr. Lynds retired and the business was continued as the Aldo Sommer Drug Company and has since been an incorporation. Aldo Sommer was president and treasurer of the company until his death.

He was born December 13, 1830, in Germany, and left his native land and came to America at the age of seventeen. He traveled by sailing vessel and from New York went to Allentown, Pennsylvania, and a few years later to St. Louis, Missouri. He had a training as a druggist and followed his profession throughout his active career. In 1855 he married Matilda Braun. She was of Huguenot French and English parentage. She was born at St. Louis June 10, 1838, and was reared and educated in that city. She is still living in Quincy, and has all her faculties except for her hearing. She reads, knits and does a great deal of Red Cross work. Both she and her husband were Protestants in religion. Aldo Sommer was an enthusiastic republican, and at one time was affiliated with the Masonic Order.

In 1870 he and his family went to Europe and lived four years abroad. While in the old country two children were born, Walter and Ella.

In addition to his drug business Aldo Sommer established and operated for a number of years a large nursery at Twenty-fourth and State streets. He was a man of great enterprise and could successfully conduct more than one activity at a time.

He and his wife had five sons and five daughters. One daughter, Alice E., died December 2, 1917. Three sons also died early: Edwin died in 1861, at the age of three years; Gilbert, in 1883, at the age of eight years; and Aldo, on April 11, 1879, at the age of twenty-two. A brief record of the living children is as follows: Minna is the wife of W. H. Arthur, who was formerly a druggist and is now in the insurance business at St. Louis. They have a son and two daughters. Matilda is the wife of James L. Martin. Mr. Martin was for twenty years representative of the International Harvester Company at Quincy and for the past ten years has been connected with that organization at Chicago. Jennie is the widow of Edwin P. Jaquith, and has two children, Kenneth and Sommer, the former an instructor in the Aviation Corps of the United States Army. Harry B. Sommer was born in Quincy at the home where he now resides with his mother on February 15, 1868, was well educated in this city and in the Christian Brothers School at St. Louis, and for a number of years has been actively identified with the Sommer Drug Company. Ella is the wife of H. L. Beard, who since 1913 has been vice president and treasurer of the Aldo Sommer Drug Company. Mr. Beard was born in St. Louis, and is a public accountant by profession. Mr. Beard's first wife was Mamie McSweeney, who died sixteen years ago, leaving two daughters, Mrs. J. Arthur Twig and Margaret Mae. Mrs. Twig lives in St. Albans, Vermont, and has a daughter, Margaret. Walter B. Sommer, president of the Wholesale Drug Company was educated at Alton, Illinois, in the Wyman Institute and in a military school at Champaign. He married Pearl Kathan, of Bucklin, Missouri, and they make their home in Quincy.

**FRANK A. FREUND.** For all his fourscore and four years Frank A. Freund is still hale and vigorous, possessed of a good memory and active intelligence, and has a long retrospect of years which must afford him satisfaction and contentment. Mr. Freund has been a resident of Quincy over sixty years, and has witnessed and been a part in its development from village times.

He was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 14, 1834, of old German Catholic stock, son of Anton and Lucinda (Bock) Freund. His parents were also natives of Bavaria, and his father was a brewer there and died at advanced years. Frank A. Freund was a boy when his mother died at the age of fifty-six.

The youngest of six children, and the only one to come to America, he lived in his native land to the age of eighteen, and in order to avoid the enforced military duty left there in 1852, crossing the ocean by sailing vessel from Bremen to Baltimore. He landed in this country July 5th and for a year had employment in Baltimore at the brewer's trade, at wages of \$4 per month. While there he learned the cooper's trade and in 1855 came to Quincy. Here he acquired still another mechanical art, brick laying, and was not only a well qualified workman but a leader among his fellows, and organized the first brick laying association or union in this part of the state, continuing as its head for several years. About the close of the Civil war Mr. Freund took up brick contracting, and there are not a few brick structures in and about Quincy today, including both business and private houses, which were constructed by him.

For over forty years his home has been at the corner of Spring and Thirteenth streets, and he owns his home at 1301 Spring Street and also the adjacent house at 1303. He also has other property and is now retired in comfortable circumstances.

In Quincy Mr. Freund married Elizabeth Schwebel. She was born in Illinois, and her parents came from Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and were early settlers in Quincy. For many years her father was a teamster and transfer man. Both her parents died many years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Freund after their marriage proved an ideal working partnership, and they created their prosperity by thrifty co-operation. Mrs. Freund died in 1895. Among her children were: Rose, who married William Markus and died at twenty-eight years of age, leaving four children; Edith, widow of Henry Vanden Boom, who died some years ago leaving children; Joseph, who is a brick contractor in Quincy and is married and has a family; Estelle, who lives at home with her father. All the family are members of St. Francis Catholic Church, and Mr. Freund is affiliated with the Western Catholic Union and St. Michael's Society.

JOHN FREDERICK WILLIAM WITTLER. A citizen whose life meant much to his community, where he lived so long and prospered by so much diligence and toil, was the late John Frederick William Wittler of Ellington Township. His fine homestead in section 9 is still owned by Mrs. Wittler, and is a well drained tract of rolling land, with new farm buildings, fields well tilled, good livestock, and altogether such a home as these prosperous people well deserved.

The late Mr. Wittler was born in St. Louis, Missouri, October 27, 1851, and died at his homestead in Ellington Township December 9, 1912. His parents were natives of Hanover, Germany, and were married at St. Louis. His father was named Schmidt and died when John Frederick was a very small boy. The widowed mother married a Mr. Wittler for her second husband and the son took his name. Mrs. Wittler came to Quincy and spent her last years in that city. John Frederick William Wittler grew up in Adams County and his early training well fitted him for the business of farming, which he pursued on his place in section 9 of Ellington Township.

In 1872, at Quincy, he married Miss Flora W. Disselhorst. She was born in Bielfeldt, Hanover, April 7, 1852. Her mother, Clara Swader, died in Germany in 1869, when about forty years of age. Her father, Henry Disselhorst, in 1870 brought his six children from Bremen to New York City and thence to Quincy, and was a farmer on rented land in Ellington Township. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wittler, at the age of seventy-seven. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and a republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Wittler after their marriage began as renters, and by hard work and saving habits were enabled to buy their present home of eighty acres in section 9. Mr. Wittler was constantly busied with the improvement and cultivation of this land until his death. Mrs. Wittler is the mother of seven children: Minnie married Leonard Knorr, a farmer in Ellington Township, and



they have five sons and five daughters. Edward F. Wittler, the second child, is subject of a separate sketch elsewhere. Charles is a farmer in Ellington Township, and by his marriage to Sarah Allen has a son and two daughters. Henry William Wittler, now the practical manager of his mother's farm, married Grace Knox. She was born in Ellington Township in 1888, was educated in the public schools, and is a daughter of Henry and Emma (Meyer) Knox. Her father died in 1902, at the age of fifty-one, and her mother is still living on the old Knox homestead in section 15 of Ellington Township, at the age of forty-nine. She is an active member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Knox was quite prominent in local republican politics and held several offices. Mr. and Mrs. Henry William Wittler have a daughter, Jane, born May 11, 1916. William Wittler, the next in the family, is a farmer at Fowler in this county. He married Ida Wittland and has two sons, Gus and Paul. Lena is the wife of John Rooskamp, of Tioga, Illinois, and they have two sons, Elmer and Edgar. Etta is the wife of Fred Peuster and lives on a farm in Ellington Township. They have two children, Earl and Elsie.

**JOHN L. FLYNN.** One of the business men of recognized importance at Quincy is John L. Flynn, manufacturer of high class carbonated waters and owner and proprietor of the bottling works established here almost forty years ago by his father, the late John J. Flynn, who was one of Quincy's most popular and respected citizens for more than thirty years.

John L. Flynn was born at Quincy, Illinois, December 12, 1882. His parents were John J. and Mary E. (Larkin) Flynn. The father was born April 9, 1854, at Blackstone in Worcester County, Massachusetts. His home was not one of wealth and very early he became self-supporting, at the age of ten years starting to work in a cotton mill. In 1874 he came to Quincy, Illinois, where he completed an interrupted education by taking a commercial course in a business college. Perhaps it was for that purpose he came to Quincy, but after becoming acquainted with the sterling residents here he determined to stay and soon found a business opportunity in the manufacture of those delicious beverages, spruce and root beer. He had prudently commenced in a small way but his venture proved successful and his first expansion was the bottling of his product. In 1881 he established his soda water business, having in the meanwhile taken a course in chemistry in relation to the manufacture of carbonated waters. As the demand for these non-intoxicating beverages increased, Mr. Flynn was prepared to meet it, in the course of time erecting his modern plant, where he carried on business until his death on January 6, 1907. In 1877 John J. Flynn was married to Miss Mary E. Larkin, who died October 23, 1915. They had three children: James J., who is a resident of Quincy; Lillian, who is the wife of Paul A. Wolf, of Quincy; and John L., who is his father's business successor.

John L. Flynn first attended the parochial school connected with St. Rose Church, and later the Quincy High School, from which he was creditably graduated, and subsequently completed a commercial course under Professor McKenna in the Union Business College. Thus well prepared, he entered his father's works and made himself exceedingly useful while studying every detail of the business, and since he has become its owner has, like his late father been careful of the integrity of his product. The carbonated waters manufactured here have a well earned reputation for purity and their sale covers the entire country. Mr. Flynn has proved able as a business man and possesses other qualities that ensure him the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Flynn was married October 25, 1909, to Miss Elsa Halbach, and they have three children, namely: John J., who was born November 3, 1910; William J., who was born July 16, 1912; and Ruth Mary, who was born November 10, 1914. Politically Mr. Flynn is a democrat and fraternally is a member of the Elks, the Eagles and the Knights of Columbus. He belongs also to the North



Side Boat Club and the Turners, and is a communicant in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.

**JAMES HIGGINS.** An unusual proportion of life's experiences has been bestowed upon James Higgins, one of the widely known and prosperous citizens and farmers of Lima township, who now owns and occupies the old Higgins homestead a mile and a half south of Lima Village.

Mr. Higgins was born at Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, March 15, 1842. He was about five years of age when his parents came west in the fall of 1847 and made settlement in Lima Township. His father, Joseph Higgins, was born in County Antrim, Ireland. His mother, Margaret Campbell, was the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier. Margaret Campbell's mother had 160 acres of land in Adams County granted her husband because of his services in the war. It was this land grant which was one factor at least in bringing the Higgins and Campbell families out to Western Illinois. Hugh McCarty married Hannah H. Campbell, a sister of Margaret Campbell, and they had come to Adams County several years before the Higgins party came. Hugh McCarty was a sailor and was dissatisfied with life in this inland community and finally returned East, never being heard of afterwards.

Joseph Higgins made the trip West with his family by canal, steamboat and railroad. The party passed over the famous incline plane railroad in Western Pennsylvania, where the cars were drawn up the mountain by cable. On getting across the mountains they stopped for a brief time at Pittsburg before embarking on an Ohio River steamboat. The youngest child of the family was then six months old. The father and children were all on board, but the mother was temporarily lost, and as the boat could not wait it left the wharf without her. She caught another boat immediately following, and after a few hours rejoined her family, the infant baby being in great distress in the meantime. Joseph Higgins on reaching Adams County settled on the land owned by his wife's mother, Mrs. Sarah Campbell, who later moved to Quincy and died there in 1848. Joseph Higgins remained on that old farm, which is now a part of the farm of his son James, and died there August 16, 1871, at the age of sixty-five. He and his wife had four sons and two daughters.

James Higgins was reared and educated in Lima Township, and in the fall of 1864 left the county for California. He arranged to drive a team for a neighbor at Council Bluffs, and the party had to wait in line three days in order to get their turn to cross the river on the ferry. There were hundreds of teams and vehicles leaving there for California almost every day. One of his companions asked Mr. Higgins to stick by him until California was reached, and he kept that compact though not without considerable inconvenience and danger to himself. This companion, though the fact was not known at the time, was a deserter from the army. The owner of the teams discharged the man at Pawnee Hill, and Mr. Higgins in order to keep his word had to leave the party also, and they started alone across the plains on foot. Mr. Higgins carried about sixty pounds of baggage, including overcoat and rifle. There were many trying experiences. Their food was chiefly dried beef, and on reaching the desert they had no canteen to carry water and endured terrible trials of thirst. The companion finally fell down exhausted, while Mr. Higgins continued on some two miles until he found a water hole. His tongue was swollen and he was so hungry and exhausted that he could not get down to the water, and he sat there for a time feeling that his last day had come. Finally a man came up who helped him to water, but he was unable to swallow for a time on account of his swollen tongue. He revived and, his good friend also carried a bucket of water to his companion back on the trail. After that experience they secured a canteen, and thus passed over the dangerous and desert stage of the journey. In 1865 Mr. Higgins went to West Bennock, Idaho. At that time the Indians were hostile and were raiding ranches and stage stations. They had sworn hostilities to the whites because of an increase of cruelty





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perpetrated by some white men who had captured a young friendly Indian and had shot him against the protest of several miners. This murder outraged the rest of the tribe and brought about hostilities that were quieted with great difficulty. In the fall of 1865 Mr. Higgins rode his pony from Boise City to Denver, and then for a time served as a stage driver between Denver and Buckskin Joe, 140 miles. He was caught in one of the awful blizzards of the West, the storm striking him soon after leaving the lights of Denver behind, and it was by a supreme effort that he finally got his team turned around and reached safety in the city at daylight, numb and sleepy with cold.

In September, 1866, Mr. Higgins returned to Quincy, but the following spring went to Denver again and during that summer helped build a railroad depot at Cheyenne, Wyoming. He did some railroad work near Nebraska City at wages of \$1.50 a day. In 1868 he secured his share of his father's old home and on February 22, 1870, he married Miss Frances Orr, daughter of William and Martha (Woods) Orr. William Orr was a son of William Orr, Sr. William Orr, Jr., at one time had a water mill two miles southwest of the present farm of James Higgins on the White Oak Branch. James Higgins as a boy frequently went to that mill to get corn ground into meal. Later steam power was installed and a complete flour mill erected. The mill property with a fine body of land was later sold to Allen Wait, who removed the machinery to a site on Bear Creek in Ursa Township. Wait erected two mills, one of which had a chimney ninety-nine feet high. Both these mills were burned, the last about 1874, and that closed the milling history of that place. The original William Orr farm adjoined the Higgins farm, and on that place William Orr, Sr., had in pioneer times, operated a small water mill. He died there at the age of ninety-five, and is buried on a half acre plat on his farm, several of his family lying in neighboring graves. William Orr, Jr., went out to California in 1849, but returned to Adams County and lived here until his death at the age of eighty. His brothers Peter and Silas also went to California. Silas died at Maryville, California, while Peter passed away at Washington, District of Columbia.

At the time of his marriage Mr. James Higgins bought the other interests in the old homestead, except one share, which had been sold in the meantime, and he has never been able to secure that portion and complete his ownership of the old place. As it is he has a complete farm of 173 acres, and has made it both a productive business and a fine home. His house was built in 1875 and his barn in 1880. For six or eight years after 1883 Mr. Higgins also operated a threshing outfit, and at one time he also conducted a hotel at Quincy. Mr. Higgins has made his way in the world largely through his individual experience and with few influences from the outside. He had meager schooling, nearly all of it from two teachers, James Anderson and Henry Beisel.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgins had five children. Lucy, who was born April 5, 1876; Maude, born October 28, 1878; Fanny, who died at the age of twenty-one; and Fred and Bert. The son Bert is a farmer in Lima Township and by his marriage to Mary Frazer has two children.

**JOSEPH H. VANDEN BOOM.** There has been no time in the last sixty-five years when the name Vanden Boom has not been significant of some of the larger business activities of Quincy. The Vanden Booms have been furniture manufacturers and lumber dealers, bankers, pork packers, and through these activities and their public spirited citizenship have contributed notably to the growth and welfare of the city.

The name Vanden Boom is distinctive of its Holland Dutch origin. The members of probably two generations of the family preceding that of the pioneer at Quincy were natives of Holland and spent some portions of their lives in Prussia, Germany. In Prussia was born Clement August Vanden Boom in 1818. His parents died in Prussia when nearly ninety years of age. Clement A. Vanden Boom as a youth was trained to the wood turning trade, and when

about twenty-seven years of age he sought better opportunities and privileges in the new world. He traveled to the United States from Bremen on a sailing vessel. After landing in New York he settled at Cincinnati in 1848, and worked at his trade there until 1851, when he came to Quincy. His early wages were only 75 cents a day and half that amount was held out by his employers for several months. While in Cincinnati he married Miss Gertrude Jessing. She was a native of the same town in Prussia, and they had come over on the same boat. On coming to Quincy Clement A. Vanden Boom bought a lot and erected a small wood-turning shop, offering his services to the community for the manufacture of any custom made furniture desired. His business prospered and he built a good home on the same lot which contained his shop. His first wife died there in 1861, at the age of thirty-seven. Her children were: Henry, Louisa, Joseph, Lizzie, August and Paulina. In 1862 C. A. Vanden Boom married Elizabeth Ellers, also a native of Germany. She was a young woman when she came with her brothers to America, being on the ocean six weeks and landing in New Orleans, whence they journeyed up the river to Quincy. After this second marriage C. A. Vanden Boom and wife continued to live in the old home at 429 North Tenth Street, and they were the parents of six children: Mary, Bernard, Gertrude, William, Annie and Katie. The mother of these children died about 1888. C. A. Vanden Boom who died in 1885, continued a prospering business as a furniture manufacturer for eighteen years, but in 1870 entered the pork packing industry with Mr. Blomer, under the firm name of Vanden Boom & Blomer, with plant at the corner of Tenth and Broadway. That was his chief business interest until his death. C. A. Vanden Boom was well known in the city's financial affairs, and also as a public spirited citizen and for eight years served as an alderman. He and his family were members of St. Boniface and later of St. Francis' Catholic parish.

Joseph H. Vanden Boom, son of C. A. and Gertrude (Jessing) Vanden Boom, was born at Quincy August 6, 1854. During his youth he attended the parochial schools and in 1869 graduated from the Bryant & Stratton Business College. He had some valuable training during the next three years as clerk in the Ricker Bank of Quincy, and from 1872 to 1875 was bookkeeper for Vanden Boom & Blomer, pork packers. In July, 1875, Mr. Vanden Boom formed a partnership with Henry Moller and established the lumber business of Moller & Vanden Boom. In a short time this firm, with headquarters at 636 Vermont Street, was ranked among the leading lumber merchants of the city, handling many million feet of lumber supplies every year. Mr. Moller of this firm died in 1900, but there has been no important change in the family membership of the business to the present time. In 1901 the old firm was incorporated as the Moller-Vanden Boom Lumber Company, and Mr. Vanden Boom has been president from the first. Henry Moller is secretary and Fred Moller treasurer of the company. Mr. Vanden Boom has been a leader in the lumber business at Quincy forty-three years. The corporation today is both wholesale and retail in its organization, and owns and operates a number of branch yards in Illinois and Missouri. Mr. Vanden Boom has witnessed and has adapted himself to many of the changes necessitated by differing conditions in the lumber industry. Formerly nearly all the lumber of the firm was brought down the Mississippi River from the northern woods in great rafts, while at the present time their supplies are brought by railroad from the lumber mills of the south and the shingle mills of the west and northwest.

Mr. Vanden Boom was one of the incorporators and is a director of the Ricker National Bank of Quincy, a banking house with which he had some of his early training. He is vice president of the Modern Iron Works and vice president of the People's Savings, Loan and Building Association, and president of the Barton Realty Company of St. Louis. Mr. Vanden Boom owns and operates three farms in Saskatchewan, Canada, and also has a large cattle ranch in the Panhandle of Texas. A prominent and wealthy citizen, he has made his



influence count in many ways and in many movements for the welfare and advancement of Quincy. From 1878 to 1882 he served as alderman from the Sixth Ward. He is a democrat in politics. Mr. Vanden Boom and family occupy one of the most artistic and complete modern homes in Quincy. His residence was erected in 1917, and combines all the facilities and improvements which make for comfort both summer and winter. Mr. Vanden Boom after business hours is usually at home, and finds his chief delight in the family circle.

In 1876, at Quincy, he married Miss Amelia Kaltz, who was born in Quincy, and was educated in the local schools and a convent at Belleville, Illinois. She was born in Quincy in 1852. She died in 1880, the mother of two children: Arthur, born in 1877 and died at the age of ten; and Edward, who died when six years old. In 1885 Mr. Vanden Boom married a sister of his first wife, Julia Kaltz. Mrs. Vanden Boom was well educated, having finished her schooling in St. Mary's Academy at Nauvoo, Illinois. Her parents were Adolph and Julia (Delabar) Kaltz, natives of Germany and early settlers of Quincy, where they married and spent their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Vanden Boom are the parents of two children, Joseph H., Jr., and Elvira Louise. The daughter graduated from St. Mary's Academy in Nauvoo in 1902. Joseph H. Vanden Boom, Jr., who is a graduate of St. Canisius College at Buffalo, New York, is a prominent and progressive young business man of Quincy, being one of the executive officers of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, the Livestock Insurance Company and the Aer Sweep Company of Quincy. He married Gertrude Fisher, daughter of George Fisher, of a well known Quincy family elsewhere mentioned. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Vanden Boom, Jr., have two daughters, Harriet A. and Mildred A.

**HERMAN H. STOCKHECKER.** One of the older men of Quincy who can best welcome and appreciate the services and sacrifices of the young soldiers who return from abroad after the great war is Herman H. Stockhecker, who went through a portion of our American Civil war, and has lived usefully and well for the subsequent half century, bearing his responsibilities as a good citizen and having an efficient business record to his credit.

Mr. Stockhecker has lived in Adams County sixty-five years. He was born in Germany, December 29, 1845, a son of Joseph and Anna H. Stockhecker. Joseph Stockhecker served in the German army and died when his son Herman was only two years old. The widowed mother, Mrs. Anna (Bornmann) Stockhecker, six years after her husband's death brought her children to America. These children were Ann, Ricka and Herman H. They made the voyage in 1853 on a sailing vessel, going from Bremen to New Orleans and thence up the Mississippi River to Quincy. Here the family joined an older daughter, Louise, who had come with friends some years previous. Mrs. Anna Stockhecker spent the rest of her days in Adams County and died in 1888, at the age of seventy-nine. She was a Lutheran, as was her husband. Louise married Herman Haney and died leaving a family of sons and daughters. Anna married Casper Haney and also left children. Ricka married John Heidbreder, and both are now deceased, being survived by four sons and three daughters.

Herman H. Stockhecker was eight years old when he came to this country and he grew up in Quincy. He attended the parochial schools, and had been earning his own living for some time prior to his enlistment for service in the Union army.

An authentic record of his military experience is as follows: He enlisted from Quincy February 14, 1865, to serve one year or during the war, and was mustered into the United States service at Quincy on the same day as a private of Capt. Charles H. Heidbreder's Company H, Fourteenth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Col. Adolph Dengler commanding. This company was



recruited to fill up the quota of the Forty-Third Regiment and joined that regiment at Little Rock, Arkansas. The regiment had been in service from the first year of the war, and participated in the capture of Little Rock, Arkansas, in the summer of 1863 and was the first regiment to enter that city. During the latter period of his service and while Mr. Stockhecker was a member of the regiment it was in the operations at Arkadelphia in Arkansas, Okalona, Elkin's Ford, Prairie De'Ann, Moscow, Camden, Marks Hills and Jenkins Ferry, and from there returned to Little Rock. He performed guard duty, taking part in a number of expeditions and raids and was mustered out of the service November 30, 1865, returning to Camp Butler, Illinois, for final pay and discharge. Herman H. Stockhecker was always to be found at his post of duty and rendered faithful and meritorious service, earning commendation for soldierly bearing and good conduct at all times. He was sick during his service and confined in a regimental hospital at Little Rock about three weeks. He received an honorable discharge at Springfield November 30, 1865, by reason of close of the war. For many years he has been a member of John Wood Post No. 96, Department of Illinois, Grand Army of the Republic.

Before enlisting he had worked in the foundry of Thomas Wick at Quincy, and was taken back when he returned from the army and continued there two years. He and Frank West then formed a partnership as wood merchants, shipping large quantities of wood up and down the Mississippi River. Three years later he bought Mr. West's interests and continued the business for sixteen years. He also acquired some 400 acres of timber land in Pike County and operated it extensively as a timber man for several years. At one time he had 700 acres of timber land. On selling that property he invested the proceeds in city real estate. When he left the wood business he and Samuel Woods engaged in the wholesale and retail brick trade for eight years. Mr. Stockhecker then bought the interests of his partner and continued the business on his own account until 1906, at which date he formally retired, and has since looked after his private affairs. For a number of years Mr. Stockhecker resided at 305 South Eighth Street, but his present home is at 2546 Vermont Street.

March 23, 1868, he married at Quincy Miss Anna Fleer. She was born in Germany December 28, 1846, and at the age of six years was brought to this country in a sailing vessel to New Orleans and thence to Quincy by her parents, Herman and Anna Fleer. Her parents spent the rest of their days in Quincy and died when about three score and ten years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Stockhecker became the parents of the following children: Anna, Herman, Ida, William, George, Lillie, Albert, Edward, Walter and Flora. Anna now lives at Fort Madison, Iowa, the widow of Peter Werner, and her children are Frank Louis Paul, Peter and Lillian. Herman H., Jr., aged forty-six, lives at St. Louis and is a concrete finisher. He married Eva Shoop and has a son, Leroy. Ida is the wife of Anton Abbott, of Quincy, and their children are George, Edna, Arthur, Elva, Anton and Clarence. Lillie first married George Phirman by whom she had two children, and after his death became the wife of Willis Thoele, and they now live in Detroit, Michigan. Albert is chief engineer of the Electric Light and Power plant at Quincy. He married Emma Williams, of Quincy, and his children are Russell, Ralph and Ruth. Edward is a stove molder and by his marriage to Nina Gordon has two sons, James and Lloyd. Walter is a night foreman in the Quincy postoffice. He married Lillie Dickhut, and has a son, Victor, born on Victory Day, November 11, 1918. The youngest of the children, Flora E., married Lawrence William Sturhahn, who is connected with the Standard Oil Company. They have a daughter, Betty Ann, aged two years. All the family are members of the Lutheran Church and Mr. Stockhecker is a republican voter.

JOHN F. ALISON. For almost half a century Mr. Alison was a resident of Adams County and was a real substantial factor in the development of the farming and civic community of Ellington Township. It would be difficult to find a

more attractive place than the Walnut Dell Farm, and certainly no people are more highly esteemed in that community than the Alison family.

The Alison family has been in America for more than a century and a half and have exemplified the sturdy traits of loyal and patriotic citizens. Mr. John F. Alison's grandfather, John Alison, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Mr. Allison's father, Andrew Alison, was born either in Kentucky or Virginia, and was a pioneer settler in Nicholas County of the former state. He grew up with only such advantages as were supplied in an educational way in the early part of the last century. He was reared and acted as a democrat until the birth of the republican party, when he was recruited into its ranks. In 1846, at the time of the Mexican war, Andrew Alison took his family from Kentucky to Putnam County, Indiana, and on a farm in that locality he spent the rest of his days. Andrew Alison married Elizabeth Hedges, and both were members of the Presbyterian Church and died in that faith in Putnam County, where they have their last resting place. Elizabeth Hedges was also a native of Kentucky. They were the parents of eight children, seven sons and one daughter, two of whom are still living, William H. and Robert R. The two brothers are members of the Presbyterian Church and republican voters. William H. is a retired farmer living in San Jose, California, and has four children, while Robert is farming at Paola, Kansas, and his family consists of three children.

John F. Alison was born near the Town of Mooresfield in Nicholas County, Kentucky, March 1, 1834. His span of life covered more than fourscore years, and within his personal recollection occurred many of the most astonishing events and inventions which have moved the modern world. He was about twelve years old when his parents moved to Putnam County, Indiana, and the trip was made in true pioneer style with wagons and teams. In Putnam County he grew to manhood. His education was acquired in some of the typical old-fashioned schools that have been so frequently described in the literature of the period. The school that stood most clearly in his memory was built of logs, had a clapboard roof, while the seats were made of split logs supported from the floor by means of pins. He wrote his copy with the old goosequill pen, fashioned by the teacher, and used other equipment such as cannot be found in the modern schools. In one thing the old time schools did excel, and that was the strict attention paid to the practical and fundamental principles of knowledge. Mr. Alison had little time to attend even such schools as did exist in his youth, since much responsibility rested upon him in looking after the farm and contributing his earnings to the family support.

Mr. Alison married for his first wife Miss Angelina Brown. They had two children, only one of whom is now living, Lanvel. Lanvel is manager of his mother's farm in Ellington Township. He was given a good common school education and also a business course in Musselman's Business College at Quincy. He married Miss Charlotte Cook. They had four children, Martha, John C., Robert F. and Myra Angelina. He and his wife are members and he is an elder of the Presbyterian church in Ellington Township. He is one of the leading republicans in that township, has served as township clerk and is chairman of the Town Board and the sale of Liberty Loan bonds. He is one of the men vigorously upholding the cause of the great war.

Mr. Alison's first wife died in 1876 and is laid to rest in Putnam County, Indiana. On March 12, 1879, Mr. Alison married Miss Lucinda Hedges. Mrs. Alison is a native of Adams County. She was born January 17, 1838, and her birthplace was a little log cabin that stood on the site of the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Alison. She has spent all her life in this county and her family goes back to the truly pioneer times of this section. Her parents when they first located here saw Indian tepees on their land. She gained her education in much the same kind of schools attended by her husband. Her first school was the old brick school, which lay southeast of the Hedges farm. It will serve to indicate the long span of years which Mr. and Mrs. Alison lived to note that America has been engaged in four great wars since they were children, the war



with Mexico, the Civil war, the war with Spain and now the war with Germany. Mrs. Alison was well educated and from the common schools attended Abingdon College at Abingdon, Illinois. She was granted a teacher's certificate. She was formerly a member of the Christian Church, but is now active in the Presbyterian faith, and has served as treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society, and has done much to maintain church functions in her community.

Mrs. Alison's father was born and reared in Kentucky and was one of the stanch farmers of Adams County for many years. He bought 160 acres of land in Ellington Township and his property enabled him to accumulate much other property. He began voting as a whig and he and his wife were members of the Christian Church. Both her parents were buried in Ursa Township.

Mr. Alison as a republican cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. With his wife and son he owned 110 acres of fine land in Ellington and Ursa townships, and this estate is widely known as the Walnut Dell Farm. It is a center of productive agriculture and is also a home of cordial greeting to their numerous friends. With his wife Mr. Alison has enjoyed life as they went along and accepted opportunity to travel and see their own country. They spent some time on the Pacific coast in the cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Jose, and also visited the grasshopper State of Kansas. John F. Alison died on the 18th of September, 1918.

HENRY C. CUPP will go down to fame in Adams County chiefly as "the apple king." As a specialist in apple raising in this section of the country, and as a general horticulturist, Mr. Cupp's work and influence have been of inestimable value not only locally but throughout the state and nation. By years of patient effort and study he developed a magnificent apple orchard in Fall Creek Township, and not only grew apples by the thousands of barrels but applied himself to the study and solution of the many problems affecting the distribution of the apple crop and to organizing the fruit growers of the state and nation for the general welfare of all concerned.

Mr. Cupp about 1875 determined to develop part of his farm in Fall Creek Township to an apple orchard. Out of that he gradually built up what became widely known as the Diamond C Fruit Ranch. The nucleus of this ranch was ten acres of apple orchard. In 1880 he set out seventeen acres, chiefly of Ben Davis. In 1897-98 he continued his planting by increasing his acreage 120 acres. His crop of 1897 was sold for over \$400 per acre. For a number of years he handled the growing, packing and marketing of the products of his 150 acres of orchard and in that time marketed many thousands of barrels of the choicest fruit grown anywhere in the Mississippi Valley. Mr. Cupp was both a scientific and practical orchardist. He did much to popularize the spraying of trees in Adams County, and it is said that he was the first man to use a gasoline engine for power in operating his spraying tank. Mr. Cupp owned a farm of 336 acres, and besides his orchard conducted general farming and stock raising. He was the first to introduce Poll Angus cattle into Adams County and was also a successful breeder of Chester White swine. As a business man he continued active until 1916, since which year he has lived retired in Quincy.

Mr. Cupp was born in Steuben County, Indiana, October 30, 1848. He is of Holland Dutch ancestry. His father, Jacob Cupp, was born in Pennsylvania and married in Ohio Doreas Ann Smith, who was of French and English lineage. Jacob Cupp and family moved in 1858 from Steuben County, Indiana, to Shelby County, Missouri, where he was a farmer. He was a stanch abolitionist, and it required a great deal of courage to live in that section of Missouri at the time. Some of his property was stolen, and he was threatened with personal violence, until finally General McNeal made a public proclamation that if the life of Mr. Cupp was taken he would execute ten of his rebel neighbors. Jacob Cupp died in Shelby County, Missouri, in 1874.



His wife passed away in 1859. They had seven children: Catherine, Louis, John S., Theodore, George, Henry C. and Frank.

Henry C. Cupp was a small boy when his mother died, and he has always looked upon his sister Catherine as his second mother. Catherine Cupp was born November 18, 1839, and married William Cook, who was born in 1824 and left her a widow in 1876. Mrs. Catherine Cook now lives at Shreveport, Louisiana. She was the mother of six sons and one daughter: Lewis S., who is a successful farmer near Slater, Missouri, is married and has a family of sons and daughters; Jacob E., a farmer also near Slater, is married and has two daughters; Anna, wife of Benjamin Boring, also a farmer near Slater; Frederick, Ulrich and Edwin T., who all live near their mother at Shreveport, Louisiana, Frederick and Ulrich being married; and Frank C., who has a large farm under lease near Hannibal, Missouri.

Henry C. Cupp had three brothers who made records as soldiers in the Civil war. Lewis C. and John S. were both members of the Third Missouri Cavalry, and served all through the war. Theodore was a private in the Thirty-Ninth Missouri Infantry and was out for about one year. Lewis C. died in Ralls County, Missouri, in 1901, leaving a family of children. John was also a Missouri farmer and stock raiser, as is Theodore. Henry C. Cupp received most of his early education in the schools of Shelby County, Missouri, and also attended Palmyra College at Palmyra, Missouri. He moved to Adams County, Illinois, in 1870, when about twenty-two years old, and in this county his active career has reached its most definite achievement. When at the height of his work as an apple grower he employed about 200 men in his orchard during the busy season, and the harvest was not infrequently as high as 10,000 barrels. Necessarily he had to provide extensive quarters for housing the labor during the harvest, and he built a large house on his farm for that purpose.

In 1871 Mr. Cupp married in Adams County Miss Frances L. Rankin, who was born in Fall Creek Township in 1852. She was reared there, attended the local schools, and also the college at Jacksonville. She was a daughter of Robert and Sarah J. (Edmonds) Rankin. Her father was born in Kentucky of Scotch ancestry and her mother in Tennessee of Irish stock. Robert Rankin and wife were married in Adams County, Illinois, and he became active as a farmer in Fall Creek Township and was also one of the pioneer peach growers in the county. They were devoted Christian people, members of the Methodist Church, and through their charity assisted many deserving people.

Mrs. Cupp died on the farm in Adams County January 25, 1916. She was very active in the Methodist Church. To their marriage were born four children, three of whom died in infancy, and all are buried in the old Fall Creek Cemetery. The only surviving daughter is Lillie Jane, who was born in Adams County January 28, 1872, and was educated in the country schools and four years at Chaddock College. July 26, 1893, she married Perry W. Sapp, of Macomb, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Sapp now live at Springfield. Mr. Sapp has been active in public affairs and is now engaged in the apple commission business at Springfield. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Sapp are: Stanley C., now a clerk in the railway postal service on the Santa Fe Railroad, married and the father of two children; Whitney F., who is connected with the Baltimore & Ohio Railway, is married and has a son Whitney, Jr.; Lulu Miriam, who graduated with the class of 1917 from the Springfield High School and is a very talented musician, being a violinist.

Mr. Cupp, and the same is true of his son-in-law, Mr. Sapp, is a very radical republican. However, he has seldom sought official honors, though he was once candidate for state representative. Mr. Cupp is affiliated with Payson Lodge No. 379, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Quincy, also the Royal Arch Chapter and Knight Templar Commandery and Eastern Star, and has been active in Masonry for thirty-nine years. He was formerly identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. With all his well deserved fame as a horticulturist many people in Adams County know Mr. Cupp chiefly because

of his practical philanthropy, and his charities though extensive have been unostentatious and chiefly known by their recipients. He was largely responsible for founding and building the Union Church in Fall Creek. Naturally his name has been associated with many of the large horticultural organizations. He was one of the organizers of the Mississippi Apple Growers' Association in 1897, was honored as its president for the first six years and later served another four years as president and is now vice president. He was one of the organizers of the National Apple Growers' Association and its first president. The present head of the national organization is Senator Dunlap of Illinois. Mr. Cupp has for thirty-five years been a life member of the Illinois State Horticultural Society, is a correspondent of the State Agricultural Society, and for a number of years has been reporter of the annual crop, stock and fruit conditions in Adams County for the National Department of Agriculture. For three years he served as president of the Adams County Fair Association and has been a director ten years. For a long period of years he served as delegate to the National Farmers' Congress. These delegates are appointed by the governor and Mr. Cupp received the appointment both from democratic and republican executives. Mr. Cupp was candidate for county clerk of Adams County on the republican ticket in 1918, and went down with all candidates on that ticket. He, however, feels perfectly satisfied over the results, as there was a 2,000 democratic majority to overcome in the county.

JOHN W. EGBERS is one of the best known citizens of Adams and Hancock counties, and while his chief business interests have been as a farmer he has also gained something of a public character, because of the ability with which he prosecuted many cases before justice courts and as an auctioneer. Mr. Egbers now lives on one of the good farm homes of Honey Creek Township, 2½ miles northeast of Mendon.

He was born in Rocky Run Township of Hancock County August 8, 1853, son of Charles and Magdalena Egbers. His parents were both born in Germany and were married at New Orleans. They settled at Quincy in 1838, and had many opportunities to secure choice land at the Government price of \$1.25 per acre. They finally settled on the bottoms a mile from the Mississippi River in Hancock County. Their home was almost destroyed by the flood of 1851, and they then moved their residence back on the high ground and lived there the rest of their days. The father died at the age of seventy-two and the mother at eighty-three.

John W. Egbers grew up on the farm. From boyhood his ambition and inclination looked toward a public career as a lawyer. However, his mother's influence and strong will did much to thwart his purpose. His mother frequently said "We have raised seven sons, all farmers" and she made provision accordingly for her son John W. Adjacent to the home place she bought land at \$40 an acre, carrying \$3,900 debt at nine per cent interest and insisted that her son should take possession and cultivate it. While he yielded in this particular, Mr. Egbers was determined to get the best education possible and train himself for a position of influence among his fellow men. He read law, and he also took steps to overcome his retiring and modest disposition. He attended many local schoolhouse debates, and was especially impressed by the fact that the president of the society at one time was so halting and lacking in knowledge of parliamentary practice that he could not even put a motion. It was his painful example that proved one of the influencing causes leading Mr. Egbers to train himself for public speaking. He took part in the local debates whenever possible and was soon recognized as one of the keenest and most resourceful speakers of the neighborhood. He also qualified to practice before the Justice Court and handled many cases for twenty years. He is disposed to take a somewhat humorous view of some of his early cases, and says that what he lacked in knowledge of the law and experience he made up with a noisy plea and usually won his contention. At one time he had the reputa-



tion of being the ablest pettifogger in Hancock or Adams County. He never carried this work far enough to be admitted regularly to the bar, and that has been one of the greatest regrets of his life. Mr. Egbers for some years was an able auctioneer and his services were in great demand for that. In the meantime the duties of his farm engaged his time and energies, and he also handled real estate. Mr. Egbers owned a fine body of land, though inconveniently situated. This 120 acres Mr. Egbers sold in the fall of 1917 for \$200 an acre. In 1917 he bought his present place, the old Felger farm in Honey Creek Township. He has a place of 167 acres, well improved, and has occupied its beautiful home and surroundings since the spring of 1918. The house was built a number of years ago of the very finest of lumber. There is also a large bank barn, and the homestead takes on additional attractiveness because of the fine grove of trees.

Mr. Egbers is a republican and a thorough believer in the protection principle. He has always kept in close touch with the world's events by reading and observation. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Woodmen of the World. For three years he served as a member of the local school board and took his official responsibilities very seriously, visiting school every month.

At the age of twenty-one Mr. Egbers married Addie Massey. Of the three children born to their marriage two died in one week from diphtheria. The only survivor is Oval, now a resident of Lima, Illinois. In February, 1884, Mr. Egbers married Viola Peoples. They have three children: James R., who now wears the uniform of an American soldier and is in France; Ollie, Mrs. William Williams, of Hancock County; and John Warren, a farmer in Hancock County. Mr. and Mrs. Egbers have as a member of their household Miss Laura Shaw, a bright and attractive young lady who is very fortunate to enjoy the privileges of the Egbers home.

JOHN A. HELLER. Actively identified with the history of Quincy, there will ever be accorded to John A. Heller a tribute of honor as a man of sterling integrity, and as one who has contributed generously to the progress and prosperity of his native city, his benefactions having won for him the title of "Grand Old Man," a name by which he is familiarly known throughout the city and county. A native of Quincy, he was born February 1, 1844, in the house located at the corner of Seventh and Jersey streets, where his parents, George Philip and Elizabeth D. (Walthaus) Heller, were then living. The father was accidentally killed by falling from a house in 1850, leaving his wife with five young children to support.

Left fatherless in childhood, John A. Heller began early in life to assist his widowed mother in supporting her little family, his first employment having been in a local hotel, where he received \$1 a week as general utility boy. He gradually worked his way upward, being successively waiter and cook, and in 1874 opened a hotel in Quincy. In 1860 Mr. Heller was cook on a Mississippi River steamboat, after which he spent four years at sea, being employed as cook and steward, and in that capacity visited every continent except Australia. Returning to Quincy, he then opened a greenhouse, and was successfully engaged in business as a horticulturist and florist for thirty years, but is now living retired from active pursuits, enjoying a well-earned leisure.

A faithful, loyal and public-spirited citizen, believing nothing is too good for Quincy, Mr. Heller has donated liberally to various worthy causes. He was the first to contribute toward purchasing a site for the State Armory at Quincy, and toward the building of the new shoe factory, and later he won the gratitude of the people by giving \$6,000 in cash towards erecting a permanent home and exposition building for the Quincy Chamber of Commerce, of which he is an esteemed and useful member.

An intelligent reader and a keen observer, Mr. Heller is a self-educated man, having a comprehensive knowledge of science and nature. He has written many works of note, and in 1912 he presented to the Quincy Public Library 100



copies of his "Scientific Volumes." He also compiled in 1870 a chart of all the lines and signs of geometry, and a chart comparing zoology to geology, and both of these charts, and a cabinet containing upwards of 1,000 fossils and mineral specimens, he gave to the Quincy High School. Mr. Heller is a firm believer in evolution, being a faithful disciple of Darwin, Spencer and Draper. As strong physically as mentally, Mr. Heller enjoys life, and expects to watch for many more years the wonderful developments of modern science and electricity yet to come.

Mr. Heller married Martha Jane Weidenhammer, who was born in Ohio, and died at her home in Quincy November 9, 1910, leaving no children. In politics Mr. Heller is independent.

JOHN T. HEWITT is one of the most widely known stock men in Western Illinois. For many years his specialty, carried on at his farm in Honey Creek Township  $2\frac{3}{4}$  miles east of Mendon, has been the breeding of the finest of Percheron horses and the Mammoth Jacks and Jennets. Some of the finest animals of these types in the world have been kept or produced on the Hewitt farm, and his industry has been one of the important factors in raising the standards of livestock production in Adams County and over a wide territory around here.

Mr. Hewitt was born in Honey Creek Township March 9, 1856, son of William and Elizabeth (Kells) Hewitt. His parents came from County Cavan, Ireland, with four children, leaving on a sailing vessel January 1, 1850, and on account of storms and other delays spending several months on the ocean before landing at New Orleans. They came up the river and landed at Quincy on the first of May and soon afterward settled in Mendon Township, where William Hewitt had relatives including his brother Thomas, who had come in 1849, and Samuel Heaney, who had accompanied Thomas Hewitt to this country. William Hewitt in order to make a living for his family and gain the experience necessary for independent agriculture, spent a year working for Deacon Weed on his farm in Honey Creek Township, and for three years was with Amos Scranton. At the end of that time he bought a tract of wild land, using the savings from his wages to make the first payment. He had also acquired one or two teams, and at once took up the improvement and development of the eighty acres which constitutes the present home. He built a log house, and though the land was all in timber except two acres he managed to live from its proceeds, largely from the sale of wood, which he cut and hauled from the place. William Hewitt lived honorably and usefully in that community until his death January 10, 1884, at the age of seventy-seven. His widow survived him many years and passed away in 1907, when almost ninety-five years old. William Hewitt built the good substantial house that is now standing on the farm in 1871, also built and improved the barns from time to time, and before his death had acquired an additional eighty acres. After getting American citizenship he affiliated with the republican party and his sons have followed his example. He was reared in the Episcopal Church and was member of the vestry of the church at Mendon. His wife was the oldest member of that church at the time of her death. William Hewitt and wife had the following children: Mary, who has never married and lives at home with her brother John. Robert, who when a young man went out to Nebraska and died in the State of Washington at the age of fifty. Eliza, who is the second wife of James Mealiff, of Honey Creek Township; Jane, who was the first wife of James Mealiff and died at the age of thirty; Mattie, unmarried and at home; William, who died at the age of fifteen; John; and Anna, who lives on the farm in Honey Creek Township, the widow of William Taylor.

John T. Hewitt since the death of his parents has shared the old homestead with his two unmarried sisters, and they have always lived together in utmost harmony and with great advantage and efficiency in their co-operation in business

affairs. So well satisfied have they been with their home life that none of them has so far sought other companionship by marriage.

As already noted, the principal industry of John T. Hewitt is stock raising and stock breeding. He has now and has had in the past a number of the splendid registered mares and stallions of the Percheron breed. In this industry he is one of the American breeders who are planning and preparing to render an important service to Belgium when the time for reconstruction begins. The Percheron horses, as is well known, originated in Northern France and Belgium and practically all the animals of that strain in the war zone have been destroyed or taken by the Germans. It will therefore devolve upon American breeders largely, especially those who are members of the National Percheron Breeders' Association, to restock France and Belgium when the war is over. During the last twenty years Mr. Hewitt has also bred the famous Mammoth Jacks and Jennets and is a member of the National Association of Breeders of Mammoth Jacks. While Kentucky and Missouri have a great reputation for their mule production, it is a fact well known among the leaders in that industry that many of the mules that come to maturity in those states are bred in Illinois. Many of the fine mules as well as the draft horses found on the farms of Adams County are directly the result of the enterprise carried on by Mr. Hewitt. He is one of the two men in Adams County who handle thoroughbred Percheron horses, the other being George Erich of Golden. Mr. Hewitt has exhibited his animals at many local fairs, and most of the owners and others interested in Percheron stock all over the country are familiar with some of the records and results of his farm and stables.

Mr. Hewitt is a republican, attends the Episcopal Church at Mendon, has filled all the chairs in the local lodge of Odd Fellows and sat in the Grand Lodge and his sisters are active in the Rebekahs. He has served as school trustee for some years and in politics is a republican. The first petition for a rural free delivery route to go to Washington from Adams County was prepared by Mr. Hewitt, assisted by Mr. David Wilcox, then postmaster at Quincy. As a result one of the first routes established supplied Mr. Hewitt and his neighbors. That was about twenty years ago.

GEORGE STEINAGEL was for many years one of the capable citizens, progressive farmers and homemakers of Gilmer Township. He received inspiration as well as practical assistance in his work from his very capable wife, who as his widow still occupies the farm which their joint efforts gained for them a mile and a half east of Fowler on the Cannon Ball Trail.

The name Steinagel has been identified with Adams County for a great many years. Originally the name in German was Steuernagel. George Steinagel was born August 3, 1855, in Melrose Township and died at his home December 25, 1909, at the age of fifty-four. His parents were Adam and Minnie (Fisher) Steinagel. Adam Steinagel was a native of Germany and was married in Adams County. The principal provisions which marked the festivities celebrating their wedding consisted of potato pancakes. Adam Steinagel died when his son George was twelve years old. He left a widow and five children, the oldest being fourteen. The widowed mother had proved herself a most capable woman even before her marriage, since she had come alone to America and had provided the means by which her parents were able to come over. Mrs. Adam Steinagel lived on a 120 acre farm near Fowler, and gave her children a good education and upbringing. She died in 1899. Her five children were: George; Julia, who died at the age of fifty-one, the wife of August Schroeder; Caroline, who lives with her brother Henry, whose home is near Fowler; and William H., who has the old homestead.

George Steinagel on April 9, 1885, married Caroline Lena Moolring, daughter of Henry and Henrietta (Reuter) Moolring. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. George Steinagel located on a farm which Mr. Steinagel had owned jointly with his brothers. He acquired as his share seventy acres and continued the



partnership relations until about three years before his death. He and his wife then bought 172 acres additional, giving them a total of 242 acres. On part of the present farm Mrs. Steinagel was born September 1, 1865. Her father was at that time renting this land. When she was a girl eight years old she went to another farm in that vicinity. Her father Henry Moolring, was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1827, and was thirty-five years of age when he came to the United States in 1862. He arrived here with practically nothing, and did farm work of the heaviest kind, cradling wheat and cutting timber. He married at Quincy Henrietta Reuter, also of German ancestry, and after their marriage they rented in Gilmer Township a mile and a half south of Fowler, and later lived in Ellington Township, and finally moved to the farm where he and his wife spent their later years in comfort and plenty. Mrs. Steinagle's father died November 15, 1900. Her mother died in 1899 aged sixty-five. They were the parents of five daughters and one son. The son now owns the old homestead. One daughter died in childhood and Emma at the age of twenty. The daughter Anna is Mrs. Henry Kollmeyer, while Mrs. Steinagel's other sister married Mr. W. H. Steinagel, her husband's brother.

Mrs. Steinagel has distinguished herself as a very capable business woman. Her share of her father's estate she converted into the 172 acres that now comprises part of the Steinagel farm, and she was also deserving of much credit in assisting her husband in paying for the first farm. She now retains the active management of both places, and is in partnership with her tenants. She gives her close attention to stock and her judgment is one that is seldom at fault in the practical affairs of farm and stock husbandry. Mr. Steinagel was for some years a practical thresherman. He was also active in elections and was a republican, serving as tax collector, assessor and school director and for eight years as a justice of the peace. He was also a trustee of his church.

Mrs. Steinagel lives in a good country home which was built about 1880. She has no children of her own, but her nephew, Fred Kollmeyer, who was with her seven years, is now married and living in the same neighborhood. For the last year she has also had Martha Hagemeyer as one of her household. Mrs. Steinagel is active in the Lutheran Church at Fowler.

HENRY BORNMANN was born in Quincy May 1, 1846. His parents were John and Katherine (Bald) Bornmann, who emigrated from the Grandduchy of Hessen, Germany, and arrived in Quincy November 12, 1845. At the age of six Henry Bornmann was sent to school, which he attended for seven years. Then he was apprenticed in the printing office of the Quincy Tribune, a German daily and weekly paper. After he had served his apprenticeship of three years he was apprenticed to a tinner to learn the tinner's trade. At the age of eighteen he answered the call of President Lincoln for "three hundred thousand more," and enlisted in the Union army, serving as corporal in Company H, Forty-Third Illinois Infantry, to the end of the war, returning to Quincy with his company December 20, 1865. He then completed his apprenticeship with the tinner and worked as a journeyman until the end of 1867. In February, 1868, he returned to the printing business and worked for T. M. Rogers on the Rural West, an agricultural monthly; then in the job department of the office until May, 1874, when he became foreman in the office of the Quincy Tribune. In November, 1874, he became foreman in the office of the Germania Printing and Publishing Company, and continued until November, 1885, when he resigned to accept the editorship on a new publication, the Quincy Teutonia. A year later this paper suspended and in January, 1887, he again entered the office of the Quincy Germania, finally becoming editor of the paper, which position he held for many years. September 1, 1914, he accepted a position as reporter on the Quincy Herald, being engaged as such until June, 1917.

May 16, 1872, Henry Bornmann married Miss Katherine Uebner, of Fall Creek Township. She died March 20, 1881, leaving two daughters, Rosalie





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Maria, wife of Herman Stork; and Clara Sophia, widow of Henry Budde. May 10, 1883, Henry Bornmann married for the second time, choosing as his wife Miss Hanna Niehaus, born in Quincy. Their children were: Ida Johanna, wife of Professor William Heidbreder; Hilda Wilhelmina, wife of William Lepper; J. Henry Bornmann, a chemist, in the service of the Government; Alma became the wife of John Rettig and died in 1913; Irene, at home; and Ruth, a stenographer in the service of the Government.

**O. FRANK WADDELL.** The original settlement of Adams County was made by people of the sturdy old American stock, and the pioneers were the more representative of American ideals because they came from both the south and north Atlantic states, combining here the ideals and customs of practically all the original thirteen colonies.

Of that old American stock one of the earliest representatives in Adams County was the Waddell family, represented by Mr. Frank O. Waddell of Quincy.

His great-grandfather, Jesse, married Elizabeth Griffin, and they had seven children. He was one of the early settlers of Adams County. Mr. Waddell's grandfather was born in Monroe County, Illinois, in 1796, more than twenty years before Illinois was admitted to the Union. When the second war with Great Britain came on he entered the service as a scout, and participated in a number of engagements but escaped unhurt. He married Millie Thompson, who was born in Pendleton District of South Carolina in 1799. Her family had come to St. Clair County, Illinois, at an early day and she grew up there.

In Morgan County was born James O. Waddell on November 8, 1822. He was seven years of age when his parents moved to Adams County and in 1829 settled on a tract of Government land four miles northwest of the village of Payson. The title to this tract of land was granted during Monroe's administration. The grandparents spent the rest of their lives there, the grandfather dying at the age of seventy-nine and the grandmother at about seventy-five. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The grandfather affiliated with the democratic party until after 1856, when he joined the republican ranks. Of nine children three grew up and married and all had families, and all are now deceased.

James O. Waddell was reared in Payson Township and at Paloma in this county married Miss Lucinda Ogle. She was born in Butler County, Ohio, April 11, 1835, daughter of Edward and Mary (Young) Ogle, both natives of Pennsylvania. In 1845 they came west and settled in Gilmer Township of Adams County, and Edward Ogle died there in 1856, at the age of fifty-two and his wife in 1879. She was born in 1804. The Ogles were also a Methodist family, and Edward Ogle was a democrat in politics. Their children consisted of Jacob, Howard, Lucinda, Frank, Elizabeth, Rettie and Mattie, all of whom married. Mattie now lives in California, widow of Miles England.

James Waddell after his marriage lived in Gilmer Township on the farm now owned by his son Frank. He died there February 18, 1894, and his wife on October 31, 1915. They were active Methodists. Of their children, Charles lives in Quincy, is married and has two children, Elliot and Bulah. Laura is the wife of Polk Pierce, and they lived retired at Canyon City, Colorado, and their daughters Grace and Lula are both married. The next in age is O. Frank Waddell. Edward is a farmer at Shelton, Nebraska, and has a daughter, Mabel, who is married. The youngest child, Mary, died after her marriage to Joshua Powell, who is also deceased.

O. Frank Waddell was born at the old Gilmer Township homestead August 14, 1859, and was reared and educated in that community. He succeeded to the ownership of the old farm and taking it up where his father's improvements left off he has made further improvements and greatly enhanced its value under his ownership and control. To that farm he gave the best energies of his life and it is one of the most valuable country estates in the county,

comprising 274 acres, fitted out with a full equipment of buildings and other facilities.

In 1917 Mr. Waddell retired to Quincy and owns a beautiful bungalow home recently completed at 2040 Broadway. On April 5, 1917, he married Miss Ida Moellring. Mrs. Waddell has spent all her life in Quincy and had a very active and successful business career as an employe and as a business woman on her own account. She was born in Quincy at the corner of Seventh and Jersey streets April 16, 1866, and was reared and educated in the city. Her father, Frederick Moellring, was born in the Kingdom of Hanover December 26, 1836, and died in Quincy September 8, 1914. At the age of seventeen he set out for the New World, making the journey on a sailing vessel to New Orleans and then coming up the river to Quincy. For a time he worked on a farm and in 1864 married Magdalena Tromm. She was born in Quincy July 22, 1841, and died December 19, 1903. After his marriage Mr. Moellring became a moulder, and for many years worked in that line and was also a stockholder in the Excelsior Stove Company. He finally retired to his home on South Twenty-Fourth Street and died there. He and his wife were members of the Congregational Church. Five of their children died young. Mrs. Waddell's sister Minnie is the widow of Henry Lagemann, formerly a well known hardware merchant of Quincy, who died in 1901. Mrs. Lagemann lives at the old Moellring home on South Twenty-Fourth Street. She is the mother of three children: Herbert F. is twenty-four years old and a farmer; Clarence, born June 20, 1897, was educated in the high school and is employed by the Quincy Lubricating Company. Mildred born in 1901, had a high school education, was a student in the Gem City Business College, and is now with the Reliable Poultry Journal.

Mrs. Waddell was educated in Quincy and first learned the trade and business of hair dressing. After ten years she became a clerk with W. T. Duker & Company, and five years later joined the Halbach & Schroeder Company, who conferred upon her the important responsibilities of buyer for the wash goods department, and she continued that work fifteen years, until a short time before her marriage.

EDWARD EVERETT HOLLISTER is president of the Hollister-Whitney Company, one of the firms that have given Quincy distinction in the world as a center of manufactured products of wide distribution and great value. The company now confines its output exclusively to elevator machinery and equipment, but formerly manufactured a general line of mill supplies.

The business was established by Mr. Hollister in 1899 and was continued by him individually until 1906, when Mr. Frank H. Whitney joined him and they incorporated as the Hollister-Whitney Company. Since then Mr. Hollister has been president and Mr. Whitney secretary and treasurer. Later they discontinued the mill supply part of the business. Their elevators and elevator equipment are now distributed through agencies at Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis and Indianapolis, and their goods are recognized as standard by the trade all over the Middle West.

The first plant was on the river levee, later they took over the old Herald Building on South Fifth Street, and in 1915 they constructed their present extensive plant, comprising a building 100x200 feet at 211-219 North Second Street. It is a modern factory, with an immense window space, electric lighted and steam heated, and with every modern facility and sanitary equipment for the convenience and comfort of the large force of employes.

Mr. Hollister has been a resident of Quincy since 1887. He learned the milling business in early youth and being a man of great physical equipment was willing and eager to work at anything that would put him ahead. On coming to Quincy he was superintendent for the Taylor Brothers Milling Company four years and since then has been in business for himself.

The Christian names of Mr. Hollister indicate his historic family connections with old Connecticut. One branch of the family were the Everetts, known



for many generations as people of distinction in old New England. The old homestead is at Glastonbury, Connecticut, where the Hollister house is still standing, one of the oldest homes in the state, and the Historical Society of Connecticut has officially recognized it as such. In the same village are the Hollister Mills, owned by the family for many years and still conducted for the manufacture of Bon Ami, a mineral cleaner taken from the soil of that section. Mr. Hollister's parents were Richard and Susanna (Hoover) Hollister, both natives of Connecticut. When Edward Everett Hollister was born they were living at Felicity in Clermont County, Ohio. Mr. Hollister was born there in 1860. When he was a child his parents moved to Bloomington, Illinois, and they lived to a good old age in McLean County. In this locality Mr. Hollister grew to manhood, acquitted himself diligently in his work in the schools and also learned the milling trade. At Bloomington he married Miss Elizabeth Hull, who was born in McLean County. Her parents came from Virginia, were married in Illinois and spent most of their years in McLean County, where they were farmers and where they died when past eighty years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollister have three children: Edward Everett, Jr., was educated in the city schools and is now chief engineer for the Hollister-Whitney Company. He married Miss Edna Linz, of Quincy. Gladys, the second child, was born in Quincy, and is the wife of Harvey G. Richardson, who is in the oil business at Ponca City, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, have two children, Edward and Mary J. The third child, Ruth, is the wife of E. Dale Reynolds, son of W. N. Reynolds, a clothing merchant of Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds live in Kansas.

The family are members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Hollister has long been prominent in Masonic circles, being past high priest of the Chapter and eminent commander of the Knights Templar, and is also a member of the Scottish Rite Consistory.

EDWARD H. DUDLEY. The farm was the scene of Edward H. Dudley's labors and activities until about ten years ago, since which time he has lived nominally retired at Fowler, though he still keeps in close touch with business, with civic affairs, and with the many interests he has formed and cultivated throughout his life.

Mr. Dudley was born in Mendon Township of this county April 19, 1849. His parents were James H. and Eliza Betsey (Bray) Dudley, of Guilford, Connecticut. James H. Dudley was one of the early settlers of Adams County, coming here first in 1835. After prospecting the land he went back to Connecticut to claim his bride. Her brother, David Bray, had already become a resident of Adams County and James H. Dudley's sister was the wife of Joel Benton, another pioneer of Adams County. James H. Dudley spent a long and active career in this county and for the last ten years of his life lived at Mendon. He died in his ninetieth year, and survived his wife nine years. His home place of 160 acres in Mendon Township is now owned by his son Edward H. and he also had eighty acres in Honey Creek. He began voting as a whig, later changing to the republican party, and was a member of the Congregational Church. James H. Dudley and wife had five children: Mary, who died in middle life, the wife of Michael Worman; Sarah, living at Mendon, widow of Cyrus Myers; Franklin F., a prominent farmer and land owner of Mendon; Edward H.; and Carlton, who left this country in early life, was a merchant for many years and died at Seattle, Washington, at the age of sixty.

Edward H. Dudley remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-six years of age. January 20, 1875, he married, and then took charge of the old homestead, and after his father's death bought the interests of the other heirs and owns a farm that has responded to the enterprise of the Dudley family for over seventy years. This homestead comprises 160 acres, while he also has eighty acres of timberland. Mr. Dudley did much to improve and develop the farm, building a substantial home and a complete set of farm buildings. A

mile from the homestead in Honey Creek Township he bought another place of eighty acres, and that is now occupied by one of his sons. Mr. Dudley gave his personal supervision to his grain and stock raising interests until 1907, when he left them in charge of his sons and moved to the Village of Fowler, where he built and now occupies one of the good homes. Mr. Dudley has never been an office seeker. For many years he has been an active member of the United Brethren Church of Elm Grove, the church being only half a mile from his old farm.

Mr. Dudley married Huldah J. Van Dyke, of Mendon Township. They had grown up in the same neighborhood. Her father William Van Dyke, the family name having originally been spelled Van Dick, was a native of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. He married in that state Esther Cort and they came to Adams County in the early '40s, having at that time one child, Calvin. Joseph Cort, father of Mrs. Esther Van Dyke, came to this county in 1855 and lived in Mendon Township until his death when past eighty. William Van Dyke died at the age of seventy-nine and his wife, Esther, a few months after the birth of her youngest child, Mrs. Dudley. William Van Dyke and wife had three sons and three daughters: Calvin, who died in Mendon Township after he had attained the age of sixty years; Joseph, who was a farmer in this county and died at the age of seventy; Mary, who died at eighteen; Benjamin, who lives in California; Mrs. Vesta Thomas, of California; and Huldah, who was born August 7, 1855, and after the death of her mother was reared in the home of her aunt, Mary McGrew. She was nineteen at the time of her marriage to Mr. Dudley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley have two sons. Herman C. occupies his father's farm in Honey Creek Township. He married Mattie Strickler. The second son, Edward Berton, who now has the management of the old homestead and has been successfully engaged in farming there for eleven years, is one of the prosperous citizens of the township and has done much to improve his property. He married Gertrude Myers, and they have a daughter, Mildred. Beside these two sons Mr. and Mrs. Dudley reared an adopted daughter, Lizzie Epping, from the age of six until she became the wife of Samuel Myers of Mendon Township.

GEORGE STARMANN. Having by means of industry, forethought and sound business judgment achieved unquestioned success in his active career, George Starmann, of Quincy, for many years a dealer in paints, oils and wall paper, is now living retired from active pursuits at his attractive home 829 Oak Street, enjoying all the comforts of life. A native of Germany, he was born April 21, 1855, in the Kingdom of Hanover.

His father, Bernard Heinrich Starmann, was born and reared in Germany. Coming to the United States in 1837, he located in Quincy, Illinois, where he remained for a period of five years. Returning to the Fatherland in 1842, he there lived and labored during the remainder of his life. His wife, who was a life-long resident of Germany, bore him the following named children: Lecetta, of Germany; Henry and Vina, deceased; George, the subject of this brief sketch; Marie, of Germany; August, of Saint Joseph, Missouri; Clement, also of Saint Joseph, Missouri; and Ignus, deceased.

A lad of ambition and courage, George Starmann left home when but fifteen years of age, crossing the broad Atlantic, and in April, 1870, located in Quincy, Illinois. He studied for awhile in the public schools, after which he served an apprenticeship of seven years at the painter's trade. In 1877, in company with B. S. Lock, he opened a paint shop at the corner of Seventh and Hampshire streets, and managed it for awhile. He then started a store at 640 Maine Street, and with his partner ran it successfully six years. Mr. Starmann then bought out his partner's interests in the business, retaining the building for himself, however. Subsequently purchasing the building at 618-620 Maine Street, he entirely remodeled it, naming it the George Starmann Building, and there carried on a large and profitable business until his retirement in 1911.



Mr. Starmann still owns that building, and has much other city property of value.

Mr. Starmann married, November 16, 1882, Mary Elizabeth Fenck, a native of Quincy, and they are the parents of two children, George H., a chemist living in Chicago, and Rudolph A., of Chicago, an auditor. Politically Mr. Starmann is a democrat, and much interested in local and national affairs. Religiously he is a member of Saint Boniface Church. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the Western Catholic Union.

WILLIAM D. FINLEY was a farmer and prominent citizen whose career was chiefly identified with Gilmer Township in this county, and it was on his fine farm there than he passed away in 1908. His was a character of great enterprise, ability, industry, and it was reflected in generous accumulations of landed property and also in the good will and esteem paid him throughout his life. Mrs. William D. Finley now lives in Quincy, and she is interesting as one of the surviving representatives of the prominent Judy family of this county.

The late Mr. Finley was born in Kentucky in 1840 and was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. His father, Eli Finley, was born and married in Kentucky and later moved to Lewis County, Missouri, where he was a successful farmer and stock raiser. He died in advanced years at Canton, Missouri. His first wife was the mother of William D. Finley, who was a small child when she died. He was the sixth among eight children, all now deceased. By his second marriage Eli Finley had two daughters, both of whom are still living.

Many families had similar religious experiences to the Finleys. Eli Finley and wife were what might be called hidebound Presbyterians, zealous in their own religious devotion and strict in making their children subservient to the same observations. As a result William D. Finley suffered a reaction after getting away from the influence of his parents, and while a thorough Biblical scholar and essentially religious, he was rather liberal in his practice. He was ten years of age when his father moved to Lewis County, Missouri, and he grew up there on a farm and gained a fair education. About the time he reached his majority he came to Gilmer Township in Adams County and was soon in the full swing of his career as a stock buyer and dealer. He was as resourceful and enterprising as he was industrious, and engaged in few undertakings that did not prosper. Before the Civil war he drove cattle overland to California, a journey that required many months. Several years later he took a herd of eighty or ninety stock across the plains, and in each trip doubled his money. From his business he acquired large amounts of land in Missouri, but eventually sold or traded, and took half price in cash and the other half in whiskey. This consignment of whiskey came to him at an estimated value of 90 cents per gallon. Just before the Civil war broke out he shipped this liquor to Dallas, Texas. It was put in a storehouse, and on account of hostilities he could not look after its further sale or consignment. After the war, much to his surprise, he found the stock still safe in a storehouse, and he was able to sell it at \$5 a gallon. Some of his proceeds he also used to acquire land in Texas, investing in about 1,000 acres near Dallas, some of which is now included in the limits of that great southern city. But he never realized any profit from this investment, since Dallas was a long time in recovering from the effects of the war and in starting its growth, and he finally sold his possessions there at just about what he had paid.

The old Finley place in Gilmer Township is in section 21, where he had 330 acres, constituting a farm of splendid improvements and value. He and his brother Lycurgus also bought 600 acres near Loraine, and his brother's interests subsequently came to him. This handsome property is now owned and occupied by two of Mr. Finley's sons. Mrs. Finley and her daughter still own the 330 acre homestead in Gilmer Township. In 1917 Mrs. Finley left the farm and coming to Quincy built a fine bungalow at 2021 Broadway, where she



and her daughter now make their home, surrounded with every comfort and convenience.

In 1860, in Gilmer Township, Mr. Finley married Miss Adelia A. Judy. Mrs. Finley was born in Gilmer Township in 1844, and was married at the age of sixteen. Her father was the late Paris Judy, who was born in Clark County, Kentucky, December 4, 1811, a son of Winepark and Anna Judy. His grandparents were natives of Germany and early settlers of Pennsylvania, where Winepark Judy was born in 1770. He moved to Clark County, Kentucky, in 1801, and died there in 1836. Anna Judy was born in Maryland May 15, 1778, was married in Kentucky in 1800, and died in Adams County, Illinois, August 6, 1844.

Paris Judy was one of the interesting pioneer characters of Adams County. He arrived in the county in 1834, and during that summer taught in Quincy in a little log house, this being the second school taught there. He also located and laid out the Village of Liberty in this county. He was not a wealthy man when he came here, but his good judgment, industry and economy enabled him to accumulate about 1,600 acres of land, most of it in Gilmer Township, constituting a highly valuable property. Some of this land he secured at prices ranging from \$3 to \$5 an acre. He and his wife lived in a log cabin, and they cooked their meals at a fireplace with a long handled skillet. Mr. Judy was also a merchant at Burton, and at one time kept a hotel at Columbus, when Columbus was on the stage road and when all travelers put up for the night at the Judy place. Paris Judy died at the old homestead in Gilmer Township in 1886. He married Nancy Markwell, who was born in Fleming County, Kentucky, July 30, 1817. She died when nearly eighty years of age at her home in Quincy. Both were active members of the Christian Church and they are laid side by side in Mount Pleasant cemetery. Paris Judy was a democrat in politics. He and his wife had seven children, the only son being James M. Judy. Paris Judy was the first assessor in Gilmer Township, and for many years also acted as justice of the peace and school director.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley had three sons and one daughter. One son, Eli Paris, died at the age of twenty-one months. The son William J. now lives on one of the farms left him by his father at Loraine and has increased his inheritance to about 800 acres, so that he is one of the largest land holders and farmers in that part of the county. He married Rose Ewing, and their children are Theo, Mabel, William J. and Harold. The other living son, Frisby S., occupies the other farm formerly owned by his father at Loraine. He married Elizabeth Rutledge, of Adams County. The only daughter, Sarah Agnes, is a graduate of the Quincy High School and the Gem City Business College, and she has devoted herself to the companionship and care of her mother. Mrs. Finley and her daughter are members of the Christian Science Church.

**W. HENRY HEIDBREDER.** A man of versatile talents, active and enterprising, W. Henry Heidbreder, a well known druggist of Quincy, has had a varied career, and in the many places where he has resided and the different industries with which he has been identified he has always been regarded as a man of integrity and worth, and is highly respected throughout the community in which he now lives. A native of Adams County, he was born in Quincy November 5, 1858.

His father, Frederick W. Heidbreder, was born in Germany. In 1851 he located in Quincy, Illinois, being the first member of the Heidbreder family to settle in Adams County. He was an extensive and successful contractor and builder, erecting many buildings in Quincy, where he continued a resident until his death, March 21, 1916, at the venerable age of eighty-six years. He was twice married. He married first Mary Lehman, who died a few years later, leaving three children. Edward, of Palmyra, Missouri; Frances, wife of William Schuchsiech, of St. Louis, Missouri; and W. Henry. He married for his second wife Mrs. Mary Meyer, widow of Henry Meyer, and to them one child was born, William, living near Marblehead, Illinois.

Beginning work at the age of thirteen years, W. H. Heidbreder was for four years employed in the grocery of his uncle, Herman H. Heidbreder. He then took a course of study at the Gem City Business College, after which he was in an architect's office for six months. The following three years Mr. Heidbreder was in the employ of Sommer, Lynds & Company, wholesale druggists. Going then to Chicago, he was connected with a wholesale drug establishment for about six months, and then spent a short time in New York City. Returning to Quincy, he traveled for a manufacturing house for nearly a year, and then resumed his position with Sommer, Lynds & Company, remaining with the firm five years.

Making a change of occupation and residence, Mr. Heidbreder was for six months employed in the Mallenkrodt Chemical Works at St. Louis. Not especially pleased with either the work or the city, he became once more a resident of Quincy and an employee of Sommer, Lynds & Company, with whom he continued the nine ensuing years. In 1894, in partnership with August and George Heidbreder, he embarked in the drug business as head of the firm of W. H. Heidbreder & Company. He was afterwards associated with the firm known as Heidbreder & Drallmeier Drug Store, located at 1707 Broadway. Later he was associated with Mr. Hagemann, under the firm name Heidbreder, Hagemann & Company, their drug store being located at Fifth and Chestnut streets. The partnership being dissolved, Raleigh Earl bought an interest in the business on July 9, 1917, and the firm of Heidbreder & Earl is carrying on a substantial trade, being well patronized.

Mr. Heidbreder married, November 2, 1882, Matilda Meyer, who was born in Quincy. She died December 17, 1912, leaving five children, namely: Bertha, living at home; Louise, wife of Raleigh Earl; Edna, a teacher in the Quincy High School; Helen; and Ralph. In politics Mr. Heidbreder is a staunch republican. Fraternally he is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons, and of the Court of Honor. Both he and family are members of the Lutheran Memorial Church.

J. WALTER MEYER is one of the sterling and energetic young business men of Quincy, and is manager of the Quincy Lumber Company at Fifth Street and Broadway. A good reason for his success can be found in the fact that he has devoted all his adult career to one line and one business. In April, 1906, a few weeks before reaching his twenty-first birthday, he went with the Quincy Lumber Company as an employe, and rapidly mastered not only the complicated technique of lumber terms and figures, but acquired a thoroughly practical knowledge of the business from the commercial side. In September, 1913, he was promoted to manager of the plant.

This is one of the older lumber firms of Quincy and has been in existence for a great many years. The business was organized under its present form and title in 1903. The first manager was E. C. Dickhut, who was succeeded by Mr. Meyer. The firm carries a large stock of building materials of all kinds and has a service that enables contractors and others to supply all their wants for the building of any type of structure from cellar to garret.

J. Walter Meyer was born in Quincy, May 25, 1885. He was educated in the public schools of Monroe City, Missouri, and graduated from the Gem City Business College at Quincy. The date of his diploma of graduation from the Gem City College is February 20, 1906. Just a few weeks later he entered the service of the Quincy Lumber Company, and that service has been continuous ever since.

Mr. Meyer is of the substantial German ancestry that has figured so largely in the life and affairs of Quincy from pioneer times to the present. His grandfather, Gottlieb Meyer, came to the United States prior to the Civil war, and is still living in Quincy, at the age of eighty-three. For many years he was a leading cooper, a trade which he learned in Germany. Fred W. Meyer, father of J. Walter, is still active in Quincy and is connected with the Electric Wheel



Works. He married at Quincy Matilda L. Achelpohe, who was born and reared in Quincy of German parents. The Meyer family are Lutherans in religion.

J. Walter Meyer was one of a family of six sons and one daughter. He married at Quincy Miss Louisa Baumann, who was born in this city in 1887 and was educated in the public schools. She is a daughter of John and Mary (Siebers) Baumann, both natives of Quincy and of German parentage. Her parents still live at Quincy, retired, and are now past sixty years of age. The Baumanns are Catholics in religion and have furnished as a rule democratic voters, while the Meyers are republicans. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have three children: Mildred, born November 12, 1909, now in the third grade of the public schools; Walton Milton, born February 25, 1912, who has also begun his education in the public schools; and Russell Virgil, born September 21, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer are active members of the Memorial Lutheran Church. He is financial secretary of the Modern Woodmen of America and in politics votes as a republican.

W. GUY NOLL is president and treasurer of the Noll-Hauworth Company, one of the distinctive manufacturing and wholesale firms of Quincy. The firm manufacture and handle a complete line of overalls and other working clothes.

The present business is successor to the older C. S. Nichols Company, which was organized in 1903, with C. S. Nichols as president. Mr. Noll acquired his early experience as a business man and commercial traveler with the firm, and was at one time junior partner. Mr. Nichols died in 1908, but the business was continued under the old firm name until January, 1911. Early in 1908 Mr. Noll was made vice president of the company, and later, after buying out the heirs of Mr. Nichols, he reorganized as the Noll-Hauworth Company and became president and treasurer. His brother Leroy Noll is secretary, while Silas J. Hauworth is vice president.

The company has offices and salesrooms at 127-129 North Third Street and the modern factory is just adjacent on Hampshire Street. The factory is supplied with every convenience and sanitary comfort. The sales are made all over the west, northwest and southwest.

Mr. Noll practically grew up in the business, having entered this line of trade soon after he finished his education. Mr. Noll was born in Quincy, August 21, 1875, and was educated here in the grammar and high schools. His father, August Theodore Noll, was also a veteran commercial man and died in April, 1898.

W. Guy Noll married at Quincy Miss Mary A. Prince, a native of this city, and she was educated in the city schools and also at Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Noll have two sons, Edward Prince, born April 3, 1908, and William Theodore, better known as Teddy, born December 17, 1917. Mrs. Noll is an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church. Mr. Noll is a Roosevelt republican.

ANDREW DOERR. For fully half a century the name Doerr has been identified with the business enterprise and social and religious life of Quincy. The late Andrew Doerr was a conspicuous figure in Quincy's commercial affairs and a man entitled to the high respect and esteem he always enjoyed.

He was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1842. He was a small boy when his father, John Doerr, died, and he grew up the main support of his widowed mother. During his early life he served three years in the regular army of his country. About 1868 he and his mother and other members of the family set sail for the United States, and from New York City journeyed westward to Quincy, where his mother spent her last days and passed away at the age of sixty-five. All were members of the Catholic Church.

On coming to this city Andrew Doerr found employment in a cigar store, and began life on the very bottom round of the ladder. Then for three years



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he clerked in the Ruff dry goods house, and with his experience and a very modest equipment of capital he started a business of his own on Main Street. He was a hard worker, a good judge of merchandise, and by close attention to his affairs he built up a large trade, and about thirty years ago he bought a three story building at the corner of Main and Sixth streets and established there a complete department store. For a time he also managed a theater in the same building and booked many of the attractions which entertained and instructed the people of Quincy of that day. Later he retired from the theatrical business and gave all his attention to his mercantile establishment. This store stands a monument to his thrift and hard working ability, and it was the source of the prosperity which the family enjoy.

Andrew Doerr died at his home 519 Oak Street in Quincy April 22, 1914, at the age of seventy-two. He was very prominent as a Catholic, member of the Western Catholic Union and the Orphan Society, and in politics a democrat.

Andrew Doerr and Miss Adelaide E. Schulte were married at the home of the bride at the corner of Sixth and York streets, now the site of the Quincy Railway depot. Mrs. Doerr was born and reared in Quincy, and her people were among the most substantial early residents of the city. She is a daughter of Herman and Mary Ann (Ricker) Schulte, both natives of Hanover, Germany. Her father came to this country when about twenty-five years of age and her mother was fourteen when she came to America. They married in Quincy and later they built the substantial brick home which at the time was one of Quincy's finest residences. Her father died here in 1858, when in the prime of life. He left two daughters, Mrs. Doerr and Mrs. Mary Kircher, who are still living. The mother of Mrs. Doerr married for her second husband John A. Arning, who soon afterward enlisted in the Civil war and just at the end of three years of faithful service and on the same day he was discharged died of illness at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Two of his daughters are still living, Mrs. Theodore Duker and Mrs. Dora Schoe.

Since the death of Mr. Doerr Mrs. Doerr has competently and successfully managed the large business which he established and built up. For years she had helped her husband in the store and in the management of their affairs, and much of the success enjoyed by them is to be credited to her good judgment and co-operation.

Mrs. Doerr became the mother of three children. Josephine died in infancy, and the two living daughters are M. Dorothea and M. Helen, both of whom are graduates of St. Mary's Academy of Quincy, and are also graduates in music and art. Dorothea is the wife of L. J. Kadeskie, living in Quincy. Helen married Francis O'Neil, a business man of El Paso, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil have two children, Mary Dorothea and Mary Helen.

LAWRENCE P. BONFOEY is one of the vice presidents of the Monroe Drug Company of Quincy, an organization that stands in the front rank of Quincy's business institutions. The products of the company are known nationally and consist of Putnam Fadeless Dyes, Putnam Dry Cleaner, Putnam Oil, Monco, Glycerated Asafetida, Baking Powders, and Butter Colors. Mr. Bonfoey has been a resident of Quincy since January 1, 1915, coming here from Chicago to take an executive place in the Monroe Drug Company. He was born at Unionville, Missouri, in 1875, and is member of a very prominent old family there. His father, Beverly H. Bonfoey, was born in the State of Texas of French ancestry. He graduated from Yale College in the civil engineering course and afterwards moved to Missouri and became a well known lawyer at Unionville, where he is now living retired. He served as a member of the Missouri Commission, which handled much of the detail of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and was on that commission for three years. He is a republican in politics and for two years was mayor of Unionville. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. Beverly Bonfoey married Anna Webb, member



of the prominent Webb family of New York State, where she was born and reared. They had five sons, all of whom are married except one.

Lawrence P. Bonfoey from high school entered the Missouri State University, and was graduated in the law department in 1905. He was admitted to the bar the same year after examination before a committee of which Judge Shelton, chief justice of the Missouri Supreme Court, was a member. Mr. Bonfoey has never practiced law but has found his most congenial and profitable pursuits in a business career. For ten years after leaving college he was in the insurance business with the Travelers Insurance Company. He had charge of several of their branch offices, being located at Buffalo, New York, Boston, Massachusetts, Philadelphia and from there going to Chicago, where he was in charge of the office in that city until he was assigned to come to Quincy.

Mr. Bonfoey married Miss Octavia Monroe, daughter of Edward N. Monroe, president of the Monroe Drug Company. Mr. and Mrs. Bonfoey grew up in the same Missouri town, Unionville, where she was born thirty-three years ago. She was educated in the high school there and is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. After completing her college course she spent a year of travel and study in Europe, and returned home to marry Mr. Bonfoey. They are the parents of four children: Lawrence P., Jr., Frances Ann, E. Monroe and McBurney Webb. The family are all members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Bonfoey is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, having affiliations with the Lodge and Chapter of the York Rite in Unionville and with the Quincy Consistory. In politics he is a republican.

HENRY A. RIDDER. The business men of Quincy recognize as one of their oldest associates Henry A. Ridder, who has been continuously a dealer in groceries and food stuffs for over thirty years. There is probably not a single experience in the career of a successful groceryman which Henry A. Ridder has not had. For a number of years his store, one of the landmarks in the city, has been at the corner of Seventh and York streets, at 300 South Seventh. He began selling groceries from that point in 1890, and in 1895 he completed the substantial and well appointed two-story structure that adorns the site, on ground 30 by 55 feet. This store he has filled with stocks of staple and fancy groceries, and he uses the second floor as his own home.

Mr. Ridder was born in Quincy, at the corner of Ninth and Broadway, October 23, 1865. He was educated in the parochial schools and St. Francis College, and at the age of eighteen entered the grocery business, being for three years associated with Fred Willer. Since then he has been a groceryman on his own account. For seven years he had his business at Ninth and Broadway, on the same spot where he was born.

His father, the late John Ridder, was one of the pioneer German citizens of Quincy. He was born in Westphalia, Germany, February 10, 1831, of old German stock. He was well reared and educated, and when a young man came to the United States, arriving in New Orleans, November 25, 1853. The following year he was at Cincinnati, and on September 5, 1855, reached Quincy. Here he entered upon an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade with the well known pioneer wagon makers, Rogers Brothers. After completing his apprenticeship he established himself independently in 1859, and his first shop was at Twelfth and Broadway in a building of historic interest, the old barracks which had been constructed years before for the training of soldiers. This building on the southeast corner of Twelfth and Broadway when first constructed stood far out on the prairie away from the main business portion of Quincy. John Ridder continued his business and built up an important manufacturing establishment, making farm and spring wagons, and also doing general blacksmithing, horse shoeing and jobbing repair. He always had a high reputation for the quality of his work. For a number of years his associate in business was Edmund Rith, whom he later bought out. John Ridder retired from business at the age of seventy-one, and spent his last years at the old family resi-

dence in which he had lived from 1872. This home was at 823 North Twentieth Street, one of the early houses built in that part of the city. John Ridder died there February 13, 1904, at the age of seventy-three. On June 16, 1859, he married Rosena Stuckenburg, a native of Louisville, Kentucky. She died May 1, 1908, when about sixty-five years of age. For a number of years they were affiliated with St. Boniface Catholic Church, and later were members of St. Francis parish. John Ridder was a democrat. He and his wife had a large family of children, six sons and four daughters. One of them died in infancy, and Lizzie and John are also deceased. One resides in Denver, Colorado, and all the others in Illinois, most of them in Quincy. These children are named Henry, Bertha, Mollie, Tillie, Albert and Adolph.

Mr. Henry A. Ridder married in this city Catherine Rolf. She was born in Adams County and finished her education in St. Francis parochial schools. Her parents are both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ridder have four children. Henry A. Jr., born in 1891, was educated in St. Boniface School and is now associated with his father in the business. He is still unmarried and lives at the family home. Helen C. was educated in the same school as her brother and is also at home. Sylvia C. received her education in St. Boniface School and St. Mary's Academy. Cornelius from St. Boniface School entered the Gem City Business College, where he is still a student. The family are all active members of St. Boniface Church and live in that parish. Mr. Ridder is a democrat and is affiliated with the Western Catholic Union.

HENRY C. MUELLER, who graduated D. D. S. from the Dental Department of Washington University at St. Louis with the class of 1899, has for years been recognized as a leader in his profession at Quincy, and enjoyed the professional honor of being president of the Adams-Hancock Dental Society. He is also a member in good standing of the other professional organizations, and is a member of the local Dental Club.

He has been in practice at Quincy since he graduated and in 1911 he took special preparation and training in Anesthesia at the Chicago Dental College. Since the building was completed he has occupied a suite of offices in the Illinois State Bank Building, the equipment and arrangement of these offices having been the object of special care, study and expense on the part of the doctor.

Doctor Mueller was born in Quincy, March 23, 1877, and prior to entering professional school was a student in the grammar and high schools. His parents were Stephen and Fredericka (Peiffer) Mueller, both natives of Germany and of fine old stock. They came to America when young, were married in Quincy, and spent the rest of their days here. The father learned the trade of gunsmith in his native country, and in Quincy learned and followed for many years pattern making with the Stove Works. He was one of the organizers and directors of the Gem City Stove Company, but for the past two years has lived retired, having attained the age of seventy years. His good wife died here in 1912, at the age of sixty-four. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father is a very active and decided republican in politics. There were five children in the family: Emma, widow of Jacob Feisel, lives in Quincy, and her only daughter died at the age of twelve years; Doctor Mueller; Miss Minnie, at home with her father; Lewis, of Montana, is married; Anna is the wife of C. E. Brosie, in the monument business at Quincy, and they have a daughter, Florence.

Doctor Mueller married at Quincy Hester H. Nauman, a native of Illinois and daughter of Rev. Philip and Melvina (Frederick) Nauman. Her father is now ninety-one years of age, a resident of Quincy, and a superannuated minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her mother died at Quincy in 1910. Doctor and Mrs. Mueller have three children: Dorothy, aged twelve, now in the eighth grade of the public schools; Lowell C., aged nine, and also a school-boy; and Virginia, aged five. Mr. and Mrs. Mueller are members of the Ken-



tucky Street Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a deacon. Fraternally he is past master of Herman Lodge No. 39, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, is a Consistory Scottish Rite Mason, and is affiliated with the Woodmen of the World.

**GUSTAV M. JACKSON.** The oldest established retail and wholesale millinery business in Quincy and in Western Illinois is that now conducted by Gustav M. Jackson, who grew up in the business under his father and for more than ten years has successfully directed the enterprise. His large and well equipped store is at 430 Maine Street on the Public Square. Mr. Jackson has done much to promote the wholesale feature of his business in the past eleven years, and his goods now go to retail shops all over the states of Illinois, Missouri, Iowa and Kansas.

Mr. Jackson is a son of Manheim and Caroline Jackson, both natives of Posen, a German province, originally a part of Poland. They grew up in that country but as young people before their marriage they came by sailing vessel to America. Caroline Jackson as a girl learned the trade of milliner, followed it for several years before her marriage, and her husband then joined her in the same line of business. They came to Quincy in the early days and were milliners here until 1866. By that time they had built up a good trade, but decided to sell out and return with their three children to their native land. Manheim Jackson soon found that his ideas had greatly changed since he left Posen, though the country and its people had not, and after three months he returned to America. Manheim Jackson was an originator in the millinery business. For a number of years his shop made women's bonnets exclusively. Just before the outbreak of the Civil war he formed the shape and made the first hat commonly called now the sailor shape, and he did much in subsequent years to give it its well deserved popularity. His first shop was on Fourth Street on the west side of the Square in a frame building, and he occupied four different places in the same block. He was a very active business man until the last seven or eight years of his life. He died in March, 1907, when nearly seventy-five years of age, having been born in May, 1832. He had survived his wife some years. She was fifty-nine when she died. Manheim Jackson was a prominent Mason, member of Herman Lodge at Quincy, and was buried under the auspices of that body. There were three children, Gustav M. being the oldest. Joseph M. is now in the United States internal revenue service at Springfield, Illinois. Fannie is the wife of Arthur K. Walker, of Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Gustav M. Jackson was born in the one hundred block on Fourth Street, Quincy, November 17, 1860. He attended the public schools of Quincy and also a college at Atlanta, Georgia. As a boy he was given a thorough training in his father's shop and is a past master of the millinery business in every detail. For some years he had a store at 513 Maine Street, but in 1914 located at his present quarters, where he has his main store room, 25x115 feet, fully stocked with the best creations of the milliner's art, and also uses the basement of the same size.

At Kansas City, Missouri, Mr. Jackson married Miss Minnie French. She was born in Iowa in 1869, and at the age of five years her parents, Joseph and Hannah French, moved to Kansas. Her parents endured all the trials and vicissitudes of life in Kansas during the '70s and '80s, when they were regularly assailed by grasshoppers, winds, drought and blizzard. Her father died there when Mrs. Jackson was a small girl, and her mother is still living, at the age of seventy-five, and makes regular visits to her daughter in Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have one daughter, Ruth Elise, born August 6, 1895. She is a graduate of the Quincy High School, of the University of Chicago, and also took work in the Gem City Business College. She is living at home. Mr. Jackson is affiliated with Lodge No. 100 of the Benevolent and Protective Order



of Elks, and has been a member since 1903. In politics he votes as a democrat. The family home is at 424 North Eighth Street.

ELIZABETH B. BALL, M. D. The recognition extended by her professional brethren as well as by the general public indicates that Doctor Ball chose wisely when she determined upon a professional career, and she has rendered a splendid service both as a practitioner and as a factor in building up the institutions and the larger work of the medical fraternity of Quincy.

Doctor Ball is a graduate from the department of medicine of the University of Illinois at Chicago with the class of 1907. She supplemented this thorough training by a year as interne in the New England Hospital at Boston, while in 1913 she did postgraduate work in London, England. Doctor Ball began practice at Quincy in 1908, and for several years has maintained offices in the Illinois Bank Building, 648 Ohio Street. For nine years she has been a member of the Blessing Hospital staff, and has been especially prominent in the Adams County Medical Society, which she has served as secretary since 1910. It was through Doctor Ball's influence that the county society undertook the publication of the Adams County Medical News, which is published monthly by the secretary of the society, and contains all the information concerning current medical and scientific events of interest to the local profession and much that is informative, instructive and interesting to the general public. The Medical News has been published for five years, and Doctor Ball is its editor. She is also a member of the Illinois State Medical Society, and secretary of the medical section, and a member of the American Medical Association, and every year since she was elected secretary of the county society has attended the conference of the County Society Secretaries in the state.

Doctor Ball was born at Quincy and graduated from the Quincy High School with the class of 1902. The following year she entered the University of Illinois at Champaign, pursuing a literary course for one year before taking up her professional studies at Chicago. She is a member of the Greek Letter sorority of the University.

Doctor Ball represents Irish and English families. Her father, Nicholas Ball, was born in Ireland, but when a young man went to England and married at Manchester, Jane Kinsella, who was born and reared in that city, member of a prominent English family. Her brother, Edward Kinsella, was one of the leading stock holders in the Manchester Ship Canal. Doctor Ball's parents three years after their marriage came to the United States in June, 1881, and from New York came west to Quincy, where her father's uncle, Mr. John Nolan, had lived for some years. Doctor Ball is the only child of her parents, both of whom are still living. Nicholas Ball was for a number of years in the employ of Senator Browning until the latter's death, and later with H. F. J. Ricker, the Quincy banker. They are members of the Catholic Church, as is Doctor Ball. They attend worship at St. Peter's Church at Eighth and Maine streets. Doctor Ball was formerly director of the church choir and is still a member.

AUGUST W. WERNER, M. D. Member of the Quincy medical fraternity for the past ten years, Doctor Werner is a graduate of the Bennett Medical College of Chicago with the class of 1898. Before beginning active practice he served as interne in Bennett Hospital at Chicago, and a large and valuable patronage has been bestowed upon his services and abilities since he located in Quincy. For the past six years his home and offices have been at 1401 State Street, where he erected a modern two-story, ten-room residence, with a well equipped office attached. Doctor Werner is a member of the County and State Medical societies and the American Medical Association, and is also a member of the Library Committee of the County Medical Society. For the past four years he has been a member of the staff of Blessing Hospital.

Doctor Werner was born in Brunswick, Germany, October 27, 1871, and was reared and educated there as member of a family of the higher classes. He

graduated from the gymnasium of his native town in 1891, and soon afterward came to the United States and located at Quincy. Here he took up the work of wood engraving, which he had learned in Germany, and followed it until he began the study of medicine.

His parents, August and Louise (Seifert) Werner, are still living in Germany, past sixty years of age, and both were born in the famous Harz Mountains, but have spent most of their lives in Brunswick. During his active career Doctor Werner's father was a car master on one of the large railway lines through Brunswick. He is now retired on a pension. Both are active members of the Lutheran Church. Doctor Werner was the oldest of three children. His brother Oscar is manager of a large woolen house at Berlin, and has a family of two children. The only sister is Elsa, who came to Quincy to visit her brother and while here met and married Joseph Michalke. They now live in a town near Berlin, Germany, where Mr. Michalke is son of a prominent manufacturer of electric goods.

Doctor Werner married at Chicago in 1899 Miss Hedwig A. Almeuraeder, who was born in that city and was educated in the public schools and a business college. Her father was a native of Wiesbaden, Germany, and died in 1908, at Chicago, where he was prominent as a sculptor and artist. He was a cousin of Max Bruck, the great German composer. Mrs. Werner was only nine years old when her mother died and her father afterwards married a prominent Chicago society woman. Doctor and Mrs. Werner have one daughter, Dorothy Sophia, born in 1900 and a graduate of the city high school with the class of 1918. Mrs. Werner and her daughter are members of the Unitarian Church. Doctor Werner is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum.

**JAMES EVANS.** His friends and neighbors have good reason to speak of James Evans as one of the fortunate men of Adams County, since he owns a large amount of its fertile and productive soil and has several farms and one of the best rural homes in Honey Creek Township. The Evans homestead is two miles northeast of Mendon. His good fortune is largely of his own creation. He has lived in Adams County seventy years, his family have been here eighty years, and while he had some material inheritance besides the worthy family qualities he acquired from his forefathers, it was a matter of good judgment, solid industry and long continued effort that brought him to his present position.

Mr. Evans was born at Quincy, January 27, 1849, a son of George and Mary Ann (Green) Evans. George Evans is appropriately numbered among the pioneers of Adams County. He was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts, August 19, 1813. A cooper by trade, he came to Adams County in 1837 and for fourteen years had his home at Quincy. In 1851 he obtained a place four miles south of Mendon, in the township of that name, and twelve miles northeast of Quincy. His place was on the line of Mendon and Ellington Township. In 1853 he moved to a new farm, which had a small frame house and a few acres cleared. The remaining timber he worked up annually into great quantities of barrels and hoop poles. His barrels were chiefly made for the flour milling industry and he also hauled many loads of hoop poles to Quincy. At his new home in section 35 of Mendon Township he acquired 170 acres, built a new house and barn, and surrounded himself with much prosperity. He died there at the age of seventy-two and his widow survived him several years. He was never a public man, was much esteemed for his good judgment and was regarded as a valuable man to the community. In 1848, at Quincy, he married Miss Mary Ann Green, who was born at Maysville, Kentucky, December 17, 1830. She came to Adams County when a child, and her father, George Green, became a well known citizen of Richfield Township. Mr. James Evans frequently visited his grandfather Green at his home in that township. George and Mary Evans had a family of three sons and four daughters: James; Frank, who lived in Mendon Township and died when about fifty years old; George, who occupies the old



farm: Etta, Mrs. James Rowbotham of Mendon Township; Lina, Mrs. William Rowbotham of Mendon Township; Emma, widow of John Myers, living at Fowler; and Ida, who died one year after her marriage to DeWitt Worman.

James Evans was four years old when his parents moved to the country and being the oldest son he put his strength to the test at an early age in helping his father clear away the timber and brush. He lived on the home farm until he was twenty-five. He knows full well the severity of the labor required to clear and bring much of the land of Adams County into cultivation. One of his early tasks was driving an ox team to a breaking plow. It was impossible for an ordinary breaking plow of that day to turn over the heavy virgin soil, filled with roots. Therefore, another team of horses preceded the breaking plow, hauling a coultter which cut a deep gash in the sod, permitting the following plow to turn it over. Frequently within his recollection breaking the land covered with hazel brush was accomplished by using four or five yoke of oxen to a heavy plow. Mr. Evans made his first independent home on ninety acres near Mendon, which had been cleared, and for which he contracted to pay \$65 an acre. He went in debt, paid 10 per cent on the principle, and with abundant crops of corn and wheat met his payments and soon had it clear. He later sold this land to his brother-in-law, Frank Dudley, for \$75 an acre. Mr. Evans then came into Honey Creek Township and bought 140 acres of his present farm at \$65 per acre. There was an old house on the place, and practically all the land was under cultivation. It was the old Shuey farm. Since then he has increased its area to 200 acres, and some of the land cost him only \$50 an acre. His fine rural home was built in 1903 and his barn two years later. Besides this place Mr. Evans owns ninety acres three miles south, and has 100 acres in Ellington Township, each with good improvements. Mr. Evans has figured rather prominently as a stockman in Adams County. For about twenty years he bought and shipped stock, and his operations in that field brought him a wide acquaintance over this part of the state. In those days it was an easy matter to buy cows at \$12 per head. On his own land he has bred and raised some high grade stock, and in recent years his main dependence has been in hogs. Mr. Evans has always kept close to the land and has never sought office, though he served at one time as constable.

At the age of twenty-five he married. In seeking a wife he did not have to go among strangers but found in a neighbor girl, Miss Nettie B. Myers, the most capable and the best woman he has ever known. She is a daughter of Henry Myers, of Mendon Township. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have a family of children of whom they may well be proud. Henry G., the oldest, lives near Coatsburg in Camp Point Township and married Edith Henning; Charles B. occupies a farm adjoining that of his father and married Isadore White; George R. is a farmer two miles southwest of Mendon and married Lena Bogart; James D. is still at home; Fred A., who occupies the Ellington Township farm of his father, married Elsie Tieken, supervisor of Honey Creek Township; Ella M. is the wife of John T. Austin, of the home community; Minnie C. is the wife of B. J. Brenner and they live at Lewistown, Missouri; and the youngest, Carrie, is still in the home circle. These children grew up with the advantages of a good home and with the best opportunities afforded by the local schools, each faithfully performed his duties while at home, and Mr. Evans assisted his sons and daughters that have married to secure homes of their own.

**THEODORE E. MESTER.** The name of Theodore E. Mester is identified with the business interests of Quincy, where for many years he was a fertilizer manufacturer and gave substance and vitality to that particular industry and made it important both to himself and as a source of added business to the community.

Mr. Mester represents families who came out of Hanover, Germany. His father, Charles Mester, came to the United States when a young man, and married his first wife in St. Louis. Her Christian name was Louisa and she



was born in Germany. They came to Quincy and she died when in the prime of life, leaving two children, Ferdinand and Charles. Both these sons enlisted from Adams County for service in the Union army during the Civil war. They made a record of faithful service which is properly cherished by the family. Charles was taken prisoner at the battle of Chickamauga, put in Libby prison at Richmond, and died of starvation. Ferdinand served all through the war and spent his last years in the Soldiers Home at Quincy, where he died in January, 1916. He left three sons, all of whom are now married.

At Quincy Charles Mester married for his second wife Henrietta Webber. She was also a native of Hanover. Charles Mester spent the rest of his years in Quincy and died more than forty years ago, at the age of sixty-five. His widow survived him and passed away at the age of seventy-three. He was employed as a millwright in Germany, and followed the same trade at Quincy for a time, but later became a manufacturer of bone black, used extensively by sugar refineries. He shipped this product in large quantities to St. Louis.

Theodore E. Mester is one of a large family, namely: Edward, Louisa, Theodore, George, Lydia, Albert, Rosie, Melissa, Otto and Hattie. All these children grew up and married and had children of their own. Those still living, all residents of Quincy, are Theodore, Albert, Melissa, Otto and Hattie.

Theodore E. Mester was born at the home of his parents on Kentucky Street between Seventh and Eighth streets in Quincy, November 24, 1854. He attained his education in the city schools, and followed several different lines until at the age of twenty-seven he entered the business of manufacturing fertilizer. He conducted a factory and also dealt extensively in that commodity, handling the business under his own name and shipping a large output all over the surrounding counties. He was in business actively for thirty-five years, his plant being located on the south side. Since 1911 he has lived practically retired, and now spends most of his time at his pleasant home 1025 Monroe Street. He built his residence in 1890, and he and his wife have spent nearly all their married lives in those surroundings.

At Quincy, October 5, 1882, Mr. Mester married Miss Louisa Albsmeyer. She was born in Westphalia, Germany, November 11, 1855. Her mother died in Germany and in the spring of 1866 she and her father, Barney, set out from Bremen and after a voyage landed at New York City and then came on to Quincy. Barney Albsmeyer died in Quincy in 1892, at the age of seventy-one. He was one of the well remembered old residents of the city and was a faithful member of the Lutheran church at Eighth and Washington streets. Mr. and Mrs. Mester have also been active members of the Lutheran Church.

Of their children George, the oldest, is now deceased, and left three sons and two daughters, namely: Gladys, Earl, Lloyd, Loren and Ethel, all living. Theodore H. is a resident of Quincy. His first wife was Minnie Bergman, who died leaving a son, Irving. His second marriage was to Martha Peck, and they have a son, Howard. Lydia Mester is the wife of Albert Hageman, and they live at Quincy. Their children are Ruth, Erma, Marian, Louise and one deceased, Cornelia. Malinda Mester is still at home with her parents. Herman is a resident of Quincy and by his marriage to Lillian Channell has children named Harold and Gale, and a deceased daughter, Louise. Matilda is also at home. Edna graduated from the Gem City Business College in 1914, and is now employed as a bookkeeper at Quincy.

**HENRY A. WILLIAMSON.** For almost sixty years the name of Williamson has been identified with important business interests at Quincy, as also with public movements and worthy enterprises. The late Henry A. Williamson established himself here in the oil business in 1860, and largely through his business capacity, unflinching good judgment and personal integrity this industry was developed so substantially and extensively in this section of the country.

Henry A. Williamson was born September 7, 1828, at Freeport, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Dr. Thomas B. and Harriet (Weaver) Williamson. His



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father died in 1840, leaving a family of two sons and two daughters. Henry A. attended school until he was fourteen years of age when he became a clerk in a general store and during his three years with his first employer demonstrated commercial ability. In 1846 he became interested in a lumber and general mercantile business in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, but conditions did not come up to his expectations and in 1847 he returned to Freeport and there embarked in the mercantile business and continued ten years.

In 1860 Mr. Williamson was made agent for the Aladdin Oil Company, which manufactured oil from cannel coal, and continued until this company began the manufacture of oil from the product of the natural wells, when he severed his connection and then went into the oil business for himself and became wholesale handler for the Standard Oil Company, his territory covering that part of Missouri north of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad and in Illinois as far north as Dallas City and Macomb, east to Beardstown and south into Calhoun County, following the Illinois River, and having stations all over his district. Mr. Williamson had the advantage of possessing the confidence of John D. Rockefeller, with whom he was on terms of personal friendship. He was not only the pioneer in this great industry in Illinois but in western sections of the country and his advice prevailed when new business moves were projected. As new oil fields were discovered, as production increased, new methods of refining came into use, new by-products were evolved, and, with the invention and general use of the automobile new demands on the industry were made, Mr. Williams in his own department kept pace with the times. His extensive oil interests at Quincy have been profitable to the city and have always been carefully and systematically managed.

In 1851 Mr. Williamson was married to Catherine E. Robinson, who at death left one son, Thomas B. The son died while a student at Racine College, when fourteen years old. In 1858 Mr. Williamson was married to Eliza M. Robinson. Of their five children two died in infancy, Helen M. survived until 1894, and Charles H. died in 1916, shortly after his father. Walter E., resident manager of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, alone survives.

Mr. Williamson's business sagacity led to his association with numerous other interests, in some of which he was the leading factor. For many years he was vice president of the First National Bank of Quincy and when that institution was consolidated with the State Savings, Loan and Trust Company he became one of the directors of the latter bank. He was president of the Quincy Building and Homestead Association, the oldest of its kind in this city, was president of the Arrowrock Mining and Milling Company, a director of the Newcomb Hotel Company, a director of the Sommer Drug Company, and also of the Quincy Foundry and Novelty Company and the Quincy Engine Company, and was one of the trustees of Blessing Hospital and of the Anna Brown Home for the Aged.

In his political life Mr. Williamson was a republican and was associated with many of the old party leaders in the state. All his mature life he was identified with the Masonic fraternity. He was a member of the Chapter of St. John's Cathedral, and in all matters pertaining to the Episcopal Church was most active and had much to do with bringing about the creation of the Quincy diocese in 1877, of whose standing committee he was a member for many years. Full of years and the recipient of many material honors, Henry A. Williamson passed out of life on February 7, 1916.

**HON. SAMUEL H. THOMPSON.** The weight of evidence afforded by statistics is in favor of the large farm well managed as against the smaller holdings long advocated under intensive cultivation. Adams County is a region of moderately sized farms, few if any attaining the great proportions of the individual holdings further west. Compared with the western country the estate of Samuel H. Thompson, 500 acres in one body, is not large, and yet is three or four

times the average size of farm estates in this part of Western Illinois. Its distinctive features, however, are not its number of acres but its value as one of the chief centers of livestock production in Adams County, and also as the home of a family of splendid citizenship, people awake and alive to all the affairs of their community and to many of those larger problems which concern the state and nation.

It was his recognized position as a citizen of ability and of long standing influence, his successful record as a farmer, and his level headed judgment in all his relations with men and affairs that brought Hon. Samuel H. Thompson the honor of election to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1916. He was one of the representatives of the Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, and though that district is normally democratic he received a majority of 14,000 votes. The district comprises Scott, Pike, Calhoun and Adams counties, and he carried every county except Pike. During the Fiftieth Assembly Mr. Thompson was a member of the committees on agriculture, charities and corrections, farm drainage, revenue and temperance. These committee assignments indicate fairly well the chief object of his attention and work while in the Legislature, though as a matter of fact he neglected none of his responsibilities and throughout a long session of six months he was on duty at every roll call and was constantly a student of measures both in the committee room and on the floor of the House. He was assigned to the duty of floor leader during the consideration in the House of the Pure Seed Law. This proposed legislation did not pass, and today it is one of the big and fundamental questions affecting not only the farmers of Illinois but every citizen of the state whose interest in agriculture is measured by a backyard garden. The essential provisions of the bill in which Mr. Thompson was interested provided certain safeguards, particularly the high germination test, to prevent spurious and worthless and old seeds from being shifted upon purchasers by unscrupulous seed dealers. The measure from first to last was bitterly fought by the big seed houses, and yet the bill got through both Houses of the Legislature and was defeated only through the Governor's veto, who claimed that the measure was unconstitutional. Mr. Thompson also advocated every worthy measure and proposal looking to the improvement of Illinois highways, and voted for the proposed issue of \$60,000,000 of bonds for permanent highway construction. He also favored the constitutional convention, which is still one of the vital issues in Illinois politics.

The Thompson home and farm is in section 34 of Gilmer Township, ten miles east of Quincy and five miles south of Paloma, which is Mr. Thompson's postoffice. On a farm adjoining his present home Mr. Thompson was born August 18, 1863, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (McConnell) Thompson. His parents were both born in Ireland, his father in County Derry and his mother in County Monaghan. The father came to this country about 1845 and the mother in 1850. They were married in Adams County in 1852, and at first located a mile west of the land to which they moved in 1854. The land was then wild prairie and Samuel Thompson did his part as a pioneer in reclaiming it and putting it under cultivation. The price he paid for the land was about \$7 an acre. He had a good farm and provided well for his family, and died with the respect of an entire community January 10, 1891, at the age of sixty-seven. His wife passed away September 27, 1903, aged seventy-one. Samuel Thompson was a republican, and though a member of the Presbyterian Church he worshiped at the Mount Pleasant Methodist church, which was only a mile from his home, while the Burton Presbyterian church was five miles away. His children were: Sarah Margaret, Mrs. Henry Baker of Augusta, Illinois; Anna Belle and Mary Jane, who have built up a successful business as dressmakers at Quincy; Alexander, a farmer and stock man at Camp Point; and Samuel H.

Samuel H. Thompson grew to manhood on his father's farm and his education was such as the home district school supplied. Upon reaching his majority he took service with his father on the farm and remained at home until he was twenty-five.



January 23, 1889, Mr. Thompson married Miss Lemmie Dickhut, who was born in Gilmer Township, and lived near Coatsburg until her marriage. Her parents, Charles and Kate (Schnur) Dickhut, are both deceased. Her mother was a native of Germany, and was brought to this country when a child. Mrs. Thompson was nineteen at the time of her marriage.

They began housekeeping on eighty acres adjoining the old Thompson homestead. Mr. Thompson paid \$75 an acre for this land which had as its chief improvement an old house and barn. Later he acquired the interest of the other heirs in the Thompson farm, and some years ago he and C. L. Anderson bought as partners the noted Paris T. Judy farm of 504 acres. They paid \$30,000 for this estate, one of the oldest and best known in that section of the county. In the division Mr. Thompson took 260 acres without improvements in the way of buildings. He has since acquired a third farm, the J. P. Yeargain farm of eighty acres. This was a highly improved place, and the purchase price was \$175. These various holdings combined give Mr. Thompson an even 500 acres, all situated in a body, and so arranged and equipped as to constitute a model stock and grain farm. With the assistance of his son he operates the entire property and for twenty-five years has been one of the largest stock feeders in the county. As high as 200 carloads of fat stock have been shipped from Paloma by Mr. Thompson. The principal product of the Thompson farm for some years has been hogs, and every bushel of grain raised on the land is fed there, and thousands of bushels of corn are bought every year. During his earlier life Mr. Thompson for seven years operated a threshing outfit and it is as an old time thresherman that he is remembered by many farmers over a wide territory. Mr. Thompson early decided on the strength of his observations that land was an iron clad investment and that land values must always increase instead of decrease, and it was on the strength of this policy that he has never hesitated to invest his surplus in additional lands, even at the highest market price. He took an active interest in public affairs from the time he cast his first vote. When he was twenty-two he was elected tax collector of the township and had the responsibility of collecting about \$11,000 every year. For nine years he was also a county commissioner, and six years township supervisor. Some years ago Mr. Thompson was in the race for county treasurer but was defeated by a few votes. He is an active member of the Mount Pleasant Methodist Episcopal church, and is steward of the church and superintendent of its Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson had a family of seven children. Charles, the oldest, married Lois Martin, and their three children are Lawrence, Herbert and Ruth. Ray married Blanche Neal and has a son, James Robert. Mabel is the wife of Orin Crossland, who is a lieutenant in the United States army, now serving his country in France. The four younger children, all at home, are Grace, Florence, Edith and Samuel. Grace is a graduate of the local high school and the Illinois State Normal and is a teacher in the home school. Edith is a graduate of the Gem City Business College.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, who died April 25, 1907, was one of the men of achievement and high purpose in Adams County, and it is eminently fitting that some permanent record of his career should be made in this history.

He was sixty years of age when his life came to its close. He was born January 4, 1847, near Dublin, Ireland, and was an infant when his parents came to America. His father, Edward Taylor, was born in County Kildare, Ireland, September 29, 1812, and died June 21, 1884. He married in Ireland Martha Wilkinson. She was eighteen and he twenty-six at the time of their marriage. In 1849 they started for America on a sailing vessel. Cholera broke out during the voyage and thirteen of the passengers died of that dread disease. One of them was Edward Taylor's sister. From New York the Taylor family first went to Philadelphia and thence came by railroad and water to Quincy. Edward Taylor soon settled on a farm in Honey Creek Township and eventually developed important interests as a farmer and stock feeder. In



Ireland he had followed the trade of blacksmith. His old homestead is now owned by his two daughters, Elizabeth and Ann. Mrs. Edward Taylor died in November, 1899, after having lived continuously on the old homestead forty-three years. Edward Taylor was a democrat and was active in the Episcopal Church, serving as vestryman. He and his wife had eight children: Thomas, who died October 27, 1913, at the age of seventy; James, who died at the age of forty-seven, a bachelor; Edward, who died at the age of twenty-six; William, also deceased; Ann Olivia, who died in infancy; Sarah Ann; John, who died at the age of thirteen; and Martha Elizabeth.

William Taylor grew up in Honey Creek Township, attended the schools there, and remained at home and assisted his father in the operation of the farm. After the death of his father he became an independent farmer and on April 2, 1894, married Miss Anna Hewitt. Mrs. Taylor was born in Honey Creek Township, daughter of William Hewitt, of a prominent family from County Cavan, Ireland, whose membership and experience in Adams County are given record on other pages of this publication.

In September, 1894, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor moved to the farm five miles southeast of Mendon in Honey Creek Township where Mr. Taylor was busied during the remaining years of his life and where Mrs. Taylor still lives. At that time the place consisted of 320 acres. The farm now embraces 519 acres all joining. It is one of the leading centers for the production of high grade stock, and a silo has been added to the farm equipment by the son William E., who is one of the most capable and progressive younger men in the agricultural circles of Adams County. William Taylor was a democrat and served four years as township supervisor. He was a member of no church or fraternities.

Mrs. Taylor, who is a member of the Episcopal Church at Mendon, is the mother of four children: Annie W. and Fannie E., twins, both at home; William E., who since attaining his majority has assumed the business responsibilities of the home farm; and Sara M., who is a graduate of the Mendon High School and now a school teacher.

DAVID L. MYERS. Some of the most interesting family records published in this work are those of the Myers family. These records show that as a family they have been for a long period of years identified with several townships, principally Gilmer, have been workers, producers, have cleared and cultivated the land, have built good homes, have conducted themselves as public spirited citizens, and their influence has gone steadily to the betterment of their respective localities, churches, schools, good roads. The presence of such men and women mean a great deal to any county.

One of the present generation of this family is David L. Myers, proprietor of the Prairie View Stock Farm in section 13 of Gilmer Township, his farm adjoining the Village of Columbus on the south. Mr. Myers was born in the same locality February 25, 1865. For his parentage and other items of the family history the reader is referred to other pages.

Mr. Myers remained at home until he was twenty-five, working for his father and also renting. Thirty years ago he began renting the farm which he now owns, and at the end of five years was able to negotiate a purchase of 197 acres, at a price of \$60 an acre. His present farm comprises 208 acres, and it reflects the wonderful advance in land values when it is noted that Mr. Myers paid for this additional part of his farm \$200 an acre. The Prairie View Stock Farm has been in cultivation a great many years, and some of its improvements that still stand were placed there by Mr. Myers' predecessors. The substantial brick house was erected by the previous owner, Mr. Graves, and has been remodeled and modernized by Mr. Myers. Mr. Shephard built the barn, and that too has been remodeled by its present owner. This was one of several farms under the ownership of Mr. Graves, who is also remembered as having established and conducted for a number of years a mill in this community.

The Prairie View Stock Farm has a fine grove of trees, including some pines set out by Mr. Graves.

Twenty-five years ago, when he bought the farm, Mr. Myers had a capital of only \$900. He has made the land pay for itself, and has always relied upon livestock as his chief source of income. He has handled hogs, horses and cattle and his best stock are the Durham cattle and the Poland China hogs. Some idea of the business transacted at the Prairie View Stock Farm is gained from the fact that Mr. Myers marketed about \$5,000 worth of hogs in 1917. While the management of the farm and the paying for it has constituted a program sufficient to require his best energies and stock, Mr. Myers has also enacted the role of a public spirited citizen, has given time to his work as member of the school board, as road commissioner, and is a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At the age of twenty-five he married Miss Ida Frances Bates, of Camp Point, daughter of W. I. Bates, a prominent farmer of Camp Point Township. Mrs. Myers is a sister of Dr. A. D. Bates of Camp Point, and also of Dr. O. L. Bates of the same village. Mr. and Mrs. Myers have two sons and one grandchild. The sons are Harry R. and Justin T. The latter lives at home and assists his father in the management of the farm, while Harry operates an adjoining farm. Harry married Lillian Booth, formerly a successful teacher of the county. Their child is Ida Elizabeth.

Mr. Myers is affiliated with the Masonic Order at Columbus, having taken his first degrees at the age of twenty-one. He is a past master of the lodge, and is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. His farm furnishes him his chief recreation as well as his steady productive employment, and this and his family and community interests furnish him a busy program from one year's beginning to the end.

WILLIAM H. MIDDENDORF. Identified continuously with enterprises of large importance at Quincy during his entire business life, William H. Middendorf, president of the Broadway Bank, stands among the city's prominent and representative men. He was born at Quincy, Illinois, September 28, 1851. His parents were Bernard H. and Elizabeth (Jelsing) Middendorf, both of whom were born in Germany.

Bernard H. Middendorf for many years was a prosperous merchant in the grocery line at Quincy, an honorable and upright business man and trustworthy citizen. He came to the United States early in the '40s and resided until 1849 in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, and then came to Quincy. His last years were passed here in comfortable retirement and his death occurred in 1885. His widow survived until 1905. They had the following children: Elizabeth, who is the widow of William Schlagheck, of Quincy; Catherine, who died in childhood; William H.; Henry, who is associated with his brother William H. in the lumber business at Quincy; Mary and Frank, both of whom are deceased; Theodore, who is associated with his brothers in the lumber business; and Joseph, who is a Franciscan monk and rector of St. Joseph's College, Teutopolis, Illinois.

William H. Middendorf was educated in the Quincy schools and in the meantime learned the basic principles of business as he served as a clerk in his father's grocery store. From there he entered the employ of the lumber firm of Vandorn, Dickhut & Company, where he remained for eight years and acquired such detailed knowledge of that business that later he was able to turn it to good account when he embarked in the business for himself. Before that, however, he conducted a grocery business under his own name for almost three years and after selling the same again became interested in lumber and in 1884, associated with his two brothers, started the lumber business which is carried on under the style of Middendorf Brothers & Company. As his interests widened and broadened, Mr. Middendorf recognized other business opportunities and was prepared to take advantage of them. One of these led to the



organization in 1910 of the Broadway Bank, in which enterprise he was associated with a number of other capitalists. This financial institution is well financed and with Mr. Middendorf as president enjoys the fullest measure of public confidence. This bank, like far too many others within the last decade, met with a serious loss on July 3, 1915, when a bandit bank robber, under the guise of a depositor, seized and escaped with \$450, this sum lying within the cashier's cage. The authorities have not yet apprehended the robber, whose suspected activities are still in progress in other sections, where bank officials have lost their lives as well as funds.

Mr. Middendorf was married November 5, 1878, to Miss Joséphine Wismann, who was born at Quincy, and seven children have been born to them, as follows: Agnes, who died in infancy; Mary, who is the wife of Herman H. Rakers, of Quincy; Clara, who is the wife of Joseph Kuhlman, of Chicago; Elizabeth, Roger and Coletta, all of whom are deceased; and William, connected with the lumber firm of Middendorf Brothers & Company and now in the United States service.

Active as he has always been in business, Mr. Middendorf has always found time to consider the public welfare and to lend his influence to movements of a public nature that have promised to be beneficial, and this commendable attitude was clearly shown during the two terms that he served as alderman, being elected on the democratic ticket once as a representative of the Fifth Ward and the second time from the Sixth Ward. With his family he belongs to St. Francis Roman Catholic Church, belongs to the Western Catholic Union, and is president of St. Aloysius Orphan Society, and in other connections is known to be open-hearted, generous and charitable.

**J. R. LITTLE.** Four score and five years old, Mr. J. R. Little is healthy, hearty and active physically and mentally. Mr. Little is a mechanical engineer and inventor of considerable note. He was the inventor of the all metal wheel now universally used on agricultural implements and machinery, practically the world over. He was the pioneer manufacturer in this art, having made and put on the market the first really successful all metal wheel for farm purposes, cost, durability and adaptability considered.

Mr. Little is of Scotch descent, born in Sparta, Randolph County, Illinois. A life long democrat, a Presbyterian, and an Odd Fellow since 1862.

Mr. Little's grandfathers, Robert Little and Samuel Armour (as also their respective wives, Nesbit and McBride) came from Scotland to America before the Revolutionary war, in which war both grandfathers served under Francis Marion.

Mr. Little's father and mother, John Little and Maria Armour, were born and raised in Chester district, South Carolina. It was there John Little's parents and Maria Armour's mother died; after which Samuel Armour and the young people moved to Randolph County, Illinois, where Mr. J. R. Little was born.

To Mr. John Little and his wife, Maria, were born five children: James R., Mary A., Samuel A., William J. and Cinderelle J. Mary A. and Samuel A. died in Monmouth. In 1840 John Little and family moved from Sparta to Jefferson County, Illinois, where his wife, Maria, died in 1842, after which he and family moved to Monmouth, Illinois, where he died in 1888, aged seventy-eight. It was there Mr. J. R. Little when a boy worked with his father and learned the carpenter trade, and later with his father engaged in the lumber and sawmill business.

On February 22, 1853, Mr. Little married Miss Jaline Smith, of near Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, in the Canton (Illinois) House Hotel. To them were born nine children, Sarah L., who died in childhood; James L., who was killed in an elevator accident in Quincy, Illinois; John A., who died of asthma in St. Louis, Missouri; Mary L., who died of cancer in Decatur, Illinois; twin girls who died in infancy; Bessie L., who is still with her parents; George G.,



who is master mechanic with the Mayo Brothers Clinical Company, Rochester, Minnesota; and Frank B., who is foreman machinist in the Dick-Dayton Foundry and Machine Works, Quincy, Illinois.

In 1865 Mr. Little assisted William S. Wier (pioneer) Straddle-row corn cultivator on the market, and was with the Wier Plow Company, of Monmouth, Illinois, until 1880, when he accepted a foremanship in the Collins Plow Company works in Quincy, Illinois. He was there nearly two years, in which time he invented the all metal wheel and much of the machinery requisite to its manufacture. In 1882 was formed the Quincy Metal Wheel Company for the sole purpose of manufacturing metal wheels.

Mr. Little in Illinois was first to advocate an Odd Fellow Home for aged and indigent Odd Fellows, their wives, widows and orphans. For ten years, from 1880 till 1890, by word and by pen in hundreds of articles in the Odd Fellows Herald, of Springfield, Illinois, Mr. Little agitated the cause which finally, with the aid of the Rebekahs, resulted in two homes, one at Bloomington, Illinois, for orphans, and one at Mattoon, Illinois, for old folks.

About 1887 the Quincy Metal Wheel Company sold out to the Bettendorff Metal Wheel Company of Davenport, Iowa. After which Mr. Little devised another process for making metal wheels, for which he received patents on both the wheel and machinery for constructing it, and upon which was formed the J. R. Little Metal Wheel Company, now in operation at the foot of Cedar Street, Quincy, Illinois.

ROMA T. BOEKENHOFF is a prominent business man of Quincy largely because he started in a business career when only a boy and has kept his energies moving along one line and with increasing prosperity ever since.

His own name has many prominent associations in Quincy business life while the name of the family is associated with pioneer annals of Adams County. Mr. Boekenhoff was born at Quincy, December 23, 1874, a son of Henry and Mary (Mehler) Boekenhoff, the former a native of Quincy and the latter of Pennsylvania. Henry Boekenhoff was born in Quincy about 1847. He was the only child of his father, who came to this country from Germany and died in the prime of life in the cholera epidemic at Quincy in 1848. So destructive was that epidemic that the physician who waited upon him died the day following, and the disease also spread to the infant son Henry, who, however, recovered. Henry Boekenhoff's mother afterwards married three times, but had children only by her second husband, Mr. Hollander. She survived all her husbands and died when past three score and ten years. She was a native of Germany. All the family in the different generations have been members of St. Boniface Catholic Church. Henry Boekenhoff was a democrat. His wife, Mary Mehler, was of Pennsylvania Dutch stock, and came to Quincy when a young woman. She died when past forty years of age. Henry Boekenhoff as he grew up learned the trade of baker and followed it as a trade and as a business from the time he was eighteen years old until he retired a few years before his death, which occurred in 1913. He was well known to the trade and was one of Quincy's good citizens. He and his wife had seven children: Antoinette, wife of Harry Metz, of San Francisco, California; Harry, of Des Moines, Iowa; Lillian, wife of A. A. Hutmacher, of Quincy; Roma T.; Estelle, wife of M. A. Hutmacher, of Quincy; Ilda, wife of Frank Weisenhorn, of Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Margaret, who is the only one not married.

Roma T. Boekenhoff was educated in the public and parochial schools of Quincy. His first business employment was one year with the Gardner Governor Works at Quincy, and from that he went into his father's bakery and has been identified with the baking business ever since. In 1901 he bought a bakery of his own at 827 Maine Street, and that was his business headquarters and home of a very flourishing trade for about eleven years. In December, 1912, he bought his present store at 626 Maine Street, and has kept this improved up to date and makes a specialty of cakes and rolls, a product in great

demand all over Quincy, and also of several high grade confections. He has modern equipment in his shop, which is 20 by 100 feet, and he gives employment to about ten people.

Mr. Boekenhoff married June 1, 1898, Minnie Urban, who was born at Nauvoo, Illinois, but grew up and was educated in Quincy. They have two children: Roma Urban, born July 5, 1900, now a senior in the Quincy High School; and Kathryn Mary, born April 10, 1910, and in the grammar school. Mr. Boekenhoff is a republican in politics, is an active member of the Rotary Club, the Advertising Club and the Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic Order, Loyal Order of Moose and the Knights of the Maccabees.

**STEVENS NATIONS.** Few families of Adams County have roots more substantially grounded in the pioneer past than that of Nations, numerously represented now as well as when this country was all new and when the Indians were friendly neighbors at every cabin and wild game abounded on every section of land.

It was a remarkable instance of brotherly affection, lifelong companionship and mutual service and sacrifice exemplified by the late Stevens Nations and his bachelor brother Joseph, who grew up as children on a pioneer farm in Liberty Township, and spent practically all the years of their lives together. Stevens Nations died at Camp Point, Illinois, May 5, 1912, and his brother Joseph on January 3, 1915. They were extremely devoted to each other, and together they owned and operated the old homestead farm of 240 acres in section 3 of Liberty Township, a place which is still in the family and has had one family ownership through three successive generations.

Both these brothers were born in a log cabin home, Stevens on October 5, 1837, seventy-five years before his death, while Joseph was born in 1840. Their parents were Isaiah and Barbara (Roe) Nations, the former a native of South Carolina and the latter of Missouri. They married in Missouri in 1818 and a number of their children were born there, Matilda, David, Rebecca, Clara, Berryman, James, Mary, Dinah and John. In 1830 Isaiah Nations brought his family to Liberty Township of Adams County, and was one of the first settlers in that then wilderness region, where he took up a Government tract of 160 acres. This quarter section is part of the 240 acre homestead which the Nations brothers so long owned and occupied. Isaiah Nations lived there the rest of his industrious days. He died August 6, 1870, having been born July 2, 1796. His wife died March 10, 1863, and she was then about sixty-three years of age. Liberty Township was largely settled by members of the Dunkard Church, and members of the Nations family were very prominent in that faith. Isaiah and wife were both buried in a family burying ground on the old homestead. His parents, Nathan and Tabitha (Stevens) Nations, were also buried in the same plot. Isaiah Nations' son John lost his life in the Civil war. Most of the children grew up and a number of them were very old when they died.

Stevens Nations was reared on the home farm, educated in the local schools, and in the community of his boyhood associations he reared his family. Fifteen years before his death he retired to the village of Camp Point. He was a splendid type of citizen, greatly beloved by all, and left above everything else the heritage of a good name to his descendants.

In Liberty Township October 25, 1868, he married Jane Wigle, representing another prominent pioneer family of this county. She was born in Liberty Township October 26, 1840, and was reared there, a daughter of Solomon and Nancy (Potter) Wigle. Her father was born in Union County, Illinois, April 11, 1816, while her mother was born in Pennsylvania, August 11, 1811. Solomon Wigle's father was John Wigle, who left Germany to avoid militarism, and settled in Illinois Territory, where in Union County he married Margaret Wolf, a sister of Rev. George Wolf, one of the pioneer Dunkard ministers of Adams County. John Wigle and family moved to Liberty Township in 1827, and their habitation was one of the first to represent the advance of civilized



men into that region, where Indians were almost as numerous as whites. John Wigle and wife spent the rest of their days in that community. There Solomon grew up and married Nancy Potter, and he too followed farming and surrounded himself with the comforts of existence and enjoyed the riches of community esteem. He died October 25, 1881, while the mother of Mrs. Nations died in 1863. Mrs. Nations was the only child of her mother. Her father married for his second wife a Miss Hewes, and there were two children by that union.

Stevens Nations and wife had six children. Florence died when five years old. Mrs. Maggie Wells is a widow living at Quincy. Emma is the wife of Dr. Trotter, a dentist of Quincy, and they have a daughter, Florence. Winifred is unmarried and lives at home, looking after her widowed mother. The two youngest of the family are Dr. Hugh S. and Dr. Guy J., both prominent dental surgeons of Quincy. Doctor Hugh married Christine Bleresch and has two sons, Isaiah S. and Joseph.

Dr. Guy J. Nations, son of the late Stevens Nations, was born on the old homestead in Liberty Township, March 31, 1881, and grew up there, acquiring his early education at home and in the Camp Point schools. For one year he was a student in the dental department of the Northwestern University at Chicago during 1898-99, and then entered the dental department of Washington University at St. Louis, where he graduated with the class of 1902. The same year he established himself in practice at Quincy and with the exception of the years 1904 to 1908 when he practiced at Palmyra, Missouri, has rendered service greatly appreciated by his large clientele at Quincy. He has a fine suite of offices at the corner of Sixth and Hampshire streets. He took his first degree in Masonry at Camp Point and is now affiliated with Lodge No. 296 at Quincy and is also a member of the Scottish Rite Consistory. His wife and daughter are active in the Vermont Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

In his home township he married Miss Frances Callahan, who was born in Columbus Township of this county in 1883, daughter of Wesley and Belle (Jeffrey) Callahan, both natives of Adams County and of Irish parentage and ancestry. Her parents married in Columbus Township, and Mrs. Callahan died there in 1900. An uncle of Mrs. Nations, Frank Jeffrey, is a well known missionary in India. Mrs. Nations' father has had a very successful career. For some years he served as supervisor of his township in Adams County and was once a candidate for the Legislature. For a number of years he has lived in Kansas, and was manager and owner of artificial ice plants there. Mr. Callahan now lives in Kansas City, though he still has business interests in Adams County, being connected with the Peoples Bank of Camp Point and the Farmers Bank of Liberty. Doctor Nations and wife have three children: F. Mildred, aged thirteen; Ruth J., aged ten; and Marjory W., aged six. The three daughters are attending the Webster School.

PHILIP J. O'BRIEN. Quincy people generally are familiar with the life and career of Philip J. O'Brien, who has been a factor in the city's business and civic affairs for many years. Mr. O'Brien was born here in 1880, and earned his first money carrying copies of the old Quincy Journal. He began that work at the age of ten years and was a newsboy until he was about fourteen.

In the meantime he attended the local schools, and his first independent venture was as a grocery merchant at Sixth and Vine streets. He was there three years, spent four years with the Mills Soda Works on Cedar Street, after which he resumed business as a grocer at Seventh and Vine, and was there seven years or more. He then entered his present line of business operating a transfer system and coal yards. For five years his yards were at Sixth and Cherry streets, and since then his headquarters have been 609 North Fourth Street. He does general city transfer work, handles some of the leading grades



of coal sold in the city and is also a general contractor. He has done much road grading throughout the county and has a business which represents long experience and adequate organization for every department.

In 1907 Mr. O'Brien was elected a member of the City Council from the First Ward and served continuously for ten years, until May, 1917. At different times he was a member of most of the committees, chairman of the more important of them, and for thirty days was acting mayor of the city. His service in the Council was under the administrations of Mayors John H. Best and W. K. Abbott. He is a member of the City Central Democratic Committee.

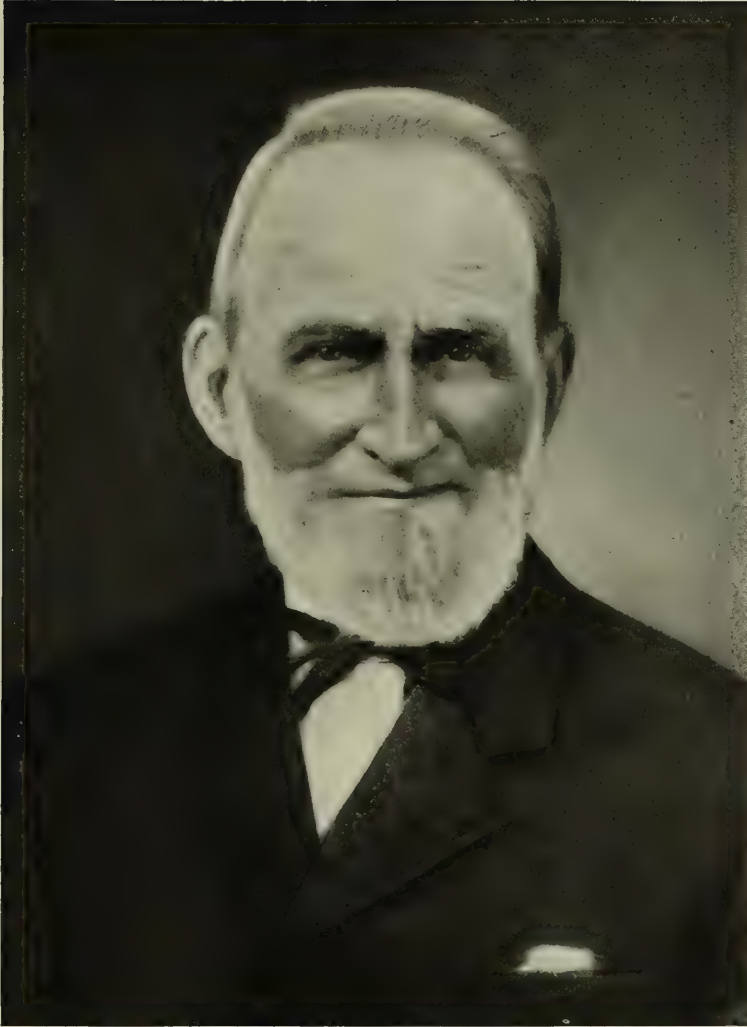
His parents were Daniel and Anna (McMahon) O'Brien, both natives of County Clare, Ireland. They came to this country when young and were married in Quincy. Daniel O'Brien spent most of his active career as a contractor on river levee work, but finally retired and died in 1897, at the age of fifty-eight. His widow is still living, past seventy, and enjoys vigorous health. She is a devout member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, as was her husband.

Of their children, Philip is the youngest. The others, all of whom are unmarried and living with their mother, are James, Julia, Margaret and Nellie. These children now have the actual management of the grocery store formerly conducted by Philip O'Brien.

Mr. Philip O'Brien married in 1912 Mrs. Minnie (Bohney) Sipker. She was born in Quincy and was educated in St. John's Parochial School. Her parents were natives of Germany and came to Quincy when young people, were married and spent the rest of their days here. Mrs. O'Brien by her first husband, Clement Sipker, had two children, William and Jessie, the latter now eighteen years of age and educated in St. Mary's College. The son William finished his education at Valparaiso University of Indiana and for the past eighteen months has been a member of the Marine Corps, being at present a guard for a wireless station on the New Jersey Shore. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien have two children, Phyllis and Philip J., Jr. The family are all members of St. Peter's Catholic Church and he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and is president of St. Rose Branch No. 52 of the Western Catholic Union.

**RESLER M. STAHL.** For more than half a century the Stahl family have been factors in the farm development and civic and social life of Gilmer Township. They are most substantial people and some of the best farm land around the village of Fowler is now owned by Resler M. Stahl, who grew up in this community as a boy.

His father, the late Noah Stahl, was widely known in Adams County, and lived as usefully and honorably as he did long. He was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, March 14, 1823, representing an old Pennsylvania family. He married Mary Horn, a native of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. In 1865 Noah Stahl brought his family out to Adams County, where some of his relatives were already living, including three of his brothers and two brothers-in-law. These earlier settlers and their families have died in this county and state. Noah Stahl on coming to Adams County bought 160 acres in section 6 of Gilmer Township, just north of the Village of Fowler. That land is still in the Stahl homestead, being owned by his son Resler M. Noah Stahl was chiefly identified with farming, though for about two years after the war he had a store at Fowler. He lived to be nearly ninety-two years of age, his death occurring August 18, 1914. He was well preserved in mind and body almost to the end. The liberal prosperity he accumulated was solely by his own effort. When eighteen years of age he was without a cent and for some years he clerked in a store at \$100 a year and also worked in the timber at \$3 a month. He was a republican in politics and filled several local offices. He was a very liberal supporter of all worthy movements affecting his home community. Mrs. Noah



*Frank Stahl*





Stahl died in 1881, at the age of fifty-four. Both were active members of the United Brethren Church. They had five children, Jennie dying at the age of twenty-two and Sumner H. at the age of twenty-six. Sumner was a student at Westfield College, preparing for the bar, and overwork led to his early death. The three living children are: Elias B., a farmer near Fowler; Resler M.; and Mary Elizabeth, wife of Fred M. Barrows, of Mount Sterling.

The late Noah Stahl built the present commodious residence at Fowler in 1891, and this house has since been remodeled and is now modern in every particular, being lighted with electricity. Its present owner and occupant, Resler M. Stahl, was born in Allegheny County, near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, July 19, 1854, and was about ten years old when his parents came to Adams County. He always lived at home and was his father's manager and later succeeded to the home establishment, comprising 570 acres of rich and fertile soil. Mr. Stahl has been an extensive grain and stock farmer, and though his land is now under the supervision of a tenant he still keeps his own stock. This farm was formerly divided into three separate places, but under his management has been combined as one, making for greater efficiency and productiveness. Mr. Stahl has always lived in that locality since boyhood, though for two years he was a student at Westfield College. He is a member of the United Brethren Church, and is a republican voter but with no desire for party honors.

In 1891 Mr. Stahl married Miss Louisa King, of Huntsville, Schuyler County, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Stahl lost one daughter in infancy, and their only living child is Mary Harriet, still at home.

**FRANK H. WEEMS.** Among the progressive business men of Quincy few will be found with a broader or sounder outlook or with more practical ideas than Frank K. Weems, who is identified with a number of important business enterprises, is president of the Quincy Pure Ice and Cold Storage Company, is largely interested in the dye industry, and is secretary and treasurer of the Weems Laundry Company.

Frank H. Weems was born at Keokuk, Iowa, where his father was engaged in railroad building, May 21, 1862. His parents were Jesse E. and Louisa (Kimball) Weems, who established the family home at Quincy in 1870. As has been noted in another part of this history, the father of Mr. Weems for many years was a civil engineer largely concerned with railroad construction, several important divisions of the present great systems having been built according to his surveys. Jesse E. Weems is a highly esteemed resident of Quincy and his business interest and advice have been exceedingly helpful to his sons. Frank H. Weems was the third born in a family of four children and is one of the two survivors. The children included: William Lock, who died in 1881; Milton K.; Frank H.; and Mary, who died young.

Frank H. Weems began his business career as a newsboy while attending school, after which for a time he was employed on the farm of Mr. Swope. On July 4, 1879, in association with his brother Milton K. Weems, he entered into the laundry business, in a small way, in a building on Jersey Street near Seventh, an interesting fact to keep in mind because of the contrast afforded by the passage of time and the great expansion that has been brought about through business acumen and honest methods.

In 1888 the Weems Company purchased the present site of their large plant, on Fifth and Jersey streets, Quincy, and here erected one of the largest and best equipped laundries of that date, to which in recent years additional space and further improvements have been made use of. A large branch is also conducted at Springfield, and through the use of automobiles laundry service is given all over the city and environs. It was a wise business idea that the partners acted upon when they added dye works, the operation of which is carried on largely by utilizing the power used in the laundry. Their facilities

have been increased recently and this branch of their business promises to be one of immense importance.

Another example of how men of progressive ideas become successful by taking advantage of a practical situation was shown when the Weems people in 1894 started their pure ice company, being pioneers in the manufacture of artificial ice in this city. This business has developed to great proportions and among the buildings they have erected is a plant including cold storage warehouse, etc. They also deal in coal. Among Mr. Weems' other interests is membership on the directing board of the Illinois State Bank.

Frank H. Weems was married June 25, 1885, to Miss Annie Lee, who is a native of Quincy, Illinois, and they have four children: Louise, who is the wife of F. Prentice Abbott, of Brooklyn, New York; Jessie, who is the wife of F. Montgomery Smith, of New York City; Charles Lee, who belongs to the United States Navy; and Frank H., who resides at Quincy. All the children were educated in the Quincy schools. Politically Mr. Weems is a republican. While vitally interested as a citizen and an active promoter of movements to add to the city's importance and also to her people's safety and comfort, he has never been willing to accept public office. He maintains fraternal relations with the Elks and the Eagles.

**ROBERT FLEBBE GUNTHER.** Conspicuous among the leading young hardware merchants of Quincy is Robert F. Gunther, an active and public-spirited citizen, whose influence and assistance are always sought in behalf of undertakings for the public welfare and the advancement of the best interests of the community.

His father, Robert C. Gunther, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, October 31, 1851, and died at his home in Quincy, Illinois, April 3, 1916. Coming to Quincy in 1879, he established a hardware business, putting in a line of tools and builders' supplies. Successful in his undertakings, he enlarged his stock, putting in a line of sporting goods and kitchen utensils of all kinds, and at the time of his death was carrying on an extensive business. He married first, in Carlinville, Illinois, Clara Flebbe, who was born in Macoupin County, Illinois, and was there brought up and educated. She died July 18, 1877, leaving one child, Robert Flebbe Gunther, the special subject of this sketch. He married for his second wife Miss Flebbe, a sister of his first wife, and they became the parents of four children, as follows: Elmer, deceased; Agnes, wife of Arnold V. Scott, of Quincy; Edward, deceased; and Felix, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, connected with the Pittsburg Crucible Steel Company. The father was a man of much education, and for seven years served as a member of the school board.

At the age of sixteen years, having acquired a good education in the public schools, Robert F. Gunther entered his father's store, and under his tutelage became thoroughly acquainted with the details of the hardware business, with which he has since been actively identified. The business of which he is at the head is now owned by a stock company, with Mr. Gunther as president and treasurer, two responsible positions which he is filling most ably.

On December 6, 1899, Mr. Gunther was united in marriage with Lillian Mae Bimson, a native of Quincy, Illinois, and they have one child, Geraldine, born June 12, 1901. Mr. Gunther is a republican in politics; a member of the Quincy Rotary Club; and in religion is a Christian Scientist.

**CHARLES H. LAUTER.** As president of the J. B. Schott Manufacturing Company at Quincy Charles H. Lauter has given to that business, one of the largest in Quincy and one that has served to make the name Quincy significant of business enterprise all over the Middle West, the best of his own energies and abilities for thirty years. He became president eight years ago when the founder of the company died.

Mr. Lauter was born in St. Louis, Missouri, February 16, 1861, a son of the



late Phillip D. Lauter. His father, a native of Treves, Germany, received excellent educational advantages in his native land, becoming quite proficient in mathematics and kindred studies. In 1857 he came to the United States. For six years he was an accountant at St. Louis. In 1863 he moved to Quincy, and for seventeen years was associated with the firm of S. J. Lesem Brothers & Company, wholesale dry goods. Returning then to St. Louis, in 1882, he engaged for a short time in the grocery business. After that he resumed his former profession, and did not really retire from active work as an accountant until eighty-five years of age. He died January 16, 1915. His wife, whose maiden name was Louise Fuchs, was born in Berlin, Germany, and is now living in St. Louis, a venerable and highly esteemed woman of eighty-six years. Nine children were born to their union: Bertha, widow of John F. Spaethe, of Chicago; Charles H.; Lenä, at home; Emil and Arthur, of St. Louis; Marie, Louise, Albert and Phillip, all deceased.

Acquiring his preliminary education in the public schools, Charles H. Lauter afterward continued his studies in the Quincy High School, and subsequently while assisting as bill clerk he became familiar with bookkeeping and accounting, and broadened this technical knowledge by a course of study in the Gem City Business College. In 1877 he entered the employ of the Ricker Bank, and was connected with that Quincy institution for fourteen months. From 1879 to 1884 he had charge of the books of the Herman Hirsch Hide Company. The next three years, with St. Louis as his headquarters, he traveled for an upholstery and saddlery establishment, covering a wide territory and getting an experience that has been of inestimable value to him in his subsequent business career.

On returning to Quincy in 1887 Mr. Lauter became associated as copartner with the J. B. Schott Saddlery Company. This, one of Quincy's oldest mercantile houses, was established by John B. Schott in 1856. Mr. Schott, after interesting his sons and daughters in the business, retired in 1905, and the firm was incorporated under the present name. However, Mr. Schott continued as president until his death in 1910, when Charles H. Lauter succeeded him. On January 18, 1906, a disastrous fire entirely destroyed the plant, entailing a heavy loss. The firm immediately rebuilt and re-erected a fine four-story brick and stone building, 75 by 120 feet. This building was ready for occupancy in January, 1907. In the rear of the main building, at 225-227 Hampshire Street, was also erected a three-story building 45 by 55 feet, where horse collars are manufactured largely, the output being marketed all over the United States.

May 24, 1888, Mr. Lauter married Miss Julia M. Schott. Three children have blessed their union: Carl J., a graduate of the University of Illinois, now following chemical engineering, water survey and bacteriological work; Margaret L. and John L., twins, the former at home and the latter now deceased. Politically Mr. Lauter is independent, and is broad and liberal in his religious views, affiliating with the Unitarian Church.

**FRANK E. BIRD.** An enterprising, energetic and able business man of Adams County, Frank E. Bird, a well-known pharmacist of Quincy, is actively identified with the drug trade of the city, having a well stocked and well managed store at the corner of Eighth and Hampshire streets. He was born February 4, 1884, in Hannibal, Marion County, Missouri, a son of Abraham and Alice C. Bird, natives, respectively, of Kentucky and Missouri. His father, who followed the brick mason's trade for many years, is now living retired from active pursuits in Quincy, Illinois, where he and his wife have a pleasant home. They have one other child, Hamilton Bird, now a resident of Denver, Colorado.

An active and sturdy lad, Frank E. Bird began life as a wage earner at the early age of seven years, going into a parsnip patch with his hoe and bravely fighting the noxious weeds, thus earning his first suit of store clothes. Four years later, in 1895, he was working hard in a drug store in Quincy, satis-



factorily performing his duties as clerk after school hours and attending both the day school and the evening school. Mr. Bird took up the study of pharmacy after clerking for several years, and successfully passed his examinations in both Chicago and Springfield. In 1913 he bought his present store in Quincy, and though comparatively young in the business has built up an extensive and highly remunerative trade in his community, the people having the greatest confidence in his ability. Politically Mr. Bird is a consistent supporter of the principles of the democratic party. Fraternally he belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a Knight Templar. Religiously Mr. Bird is a valued member of the Episcopal Church.

FERDINAND F. GIEFING is an expert in the electrical trade, especially in storage battery manufacture, and has utilized his skill to put him in a very satisfactory and commendable business position when still under thirty years of age. He is manager of the Columbia Battery Service Company, which was recently incorporated, and now has a well appointed shop and plant at 219 North Sixth Street in Quincy. They furnish and charge batteries of every type and for every purpose, their capacity being 400 batteries per day. These batteries are distributed to garages and for other purposes of the territory surrounding Quincy to a distance of even 150 miles, and they send their work everywhere in this field.

Mr. Giefing is a very practical man in electrical work and has some splendid natural qualifications as a business man. He was born in Quincy January 15, 1890, was educated in the parochial schools and the St. Francis College, from which he graduated with the class of 1909, and since then all his time and enthusiasm have been taken up with his special trade. However, for two years he was a clerical worker in the Ricker National Bank, and for two years also represented as a traveling man in Oklahoma the well known wholesale hardware house of Wyeth Company of St. Joseph, Missouri. Several years ago Mr. Giefing built a large garage 100 by 50 feet at the corner of Twentieth and Hampshire streets, and conducted it for one year. He also conducted storage battery business in a retail way and then opened in a wholesale way in the storage battery service and was active in organizing the present corporation.

He is a son of Ferdinand and Frances (Bennig) Giefing. His father was born in Austria, Hungary, and came to Quincy when twelve years of age. He was an expert accountant and became well known in Quincy, where he died in 1912. at the age of fifty-eight. His wife was a native of Quincy and she died here in 1894. They were members of St. Boniface Catholic Church. Their only other child, Frances, died at the age of thirteen.

In September, 1913, Mr. Ferdinand Giefing married at St. Joseph, Missouri, Miss Ethel Gladys Carson. She was born in Albany, Missouri, but was reared and educated at St. Joseph, Missouri, where her parents Newton and Lucy (Duncan) Carson, reside. Mr. and Mrs. Giefing have one daughter, Julia May, born January 18, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Giefing are members of St. Boniface Catholic Church and he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus.

WILLIAM A. MARTIN. In the past twenty years the people have come to look upon William A. Martin as the source of administration and personal direction of the Quincy Street Railway System. Mr. Martin is a veteran in experience with the operation and management of public utilities, is a trained mechanical engineer and has been in the profession for thirty years or more.

He was born in New York City in September, 1867, son of George and Elizabeth (Rose) Martin, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Canada. George Martin came to America when a young man and in 1877 went to Chicago. He has been an auditor and accountant and is now living retired in Florida. There were three children: William; Lorne, deceased; and George Bruce, a resident of Zanesville, Ohio.

William A. Martin has been dependent upon his own resources since he

was a boy, and gained most of his technical education through his own earnings. When about sixteen years of age he was working for the Pullman Palace Car Company at Philadelphia. He remained there about five years, and later entered the State University at Champaign, where he graduated as a mechanical engineer in 1892. For a time he was connected with the electric light and street car service at Omaha, was an employe of public works at Chicago, and in 1898 came to Quincy and for the first two years was connected with the Gas and Electric Company. He then took charge of the street car service, and now for a number of years has been its general superintendent.

Mr. Martin is a republican, a member of the Masons, Elks, Rotary Club and Congregational Church. In June, 1895, he married Mary L. Shaw, who died in August, 1912, mother of four children: Mabel L., wife of William J. Schlagenhauf, of Bushnell, Illinois; Edith, at home; George and William, both deceased.

**JOSEPH OERTLE.** Eminently deserving of mention in a work of this character is Joseph Oertle, an esteemed and respected resident of Quincy, who is carrying on an extensive business as a manufacturer of candies of all kinds, the products of his factory being widely and favorably known throughout Adams and adjoining counties. He was born April 9, 1859, in Quincy, which he has always claimed as home.

His father, the late Joseph Oertle, was born in Herbolzheim, Baden, Germany, and was there bred and educated. Coming from there directly to Quincy, Illinois, in 1856, he followed his trade of a butcher until 1907, when, having acquired a fair share of this world's goods, he gave up his business and lived retired from active pursuits until his death in 1915. He married Caroline Haas, who was born in Eichstettin, Baden, Germany, and died at her home in Quincy in 1912. Six children were born of their union, as follows: Joseph, the subject of this brief sketch; Anna, wife of David Riedinger, of Quincy; Emma, who became the wife of Robert A. Gardner, M. D., of Quincy, now deceased; Bertha, wife of John Schoeneman, of Journal; Rosa, wife of Frank Dick, of Quincy; and Charles F., also of Quincy.

A bright and active lad, full of vim and energy, Joseph Oertle began at the early age of fifteen years to do business on his own account, and until 1887 was profitably engaged in the buying and shipping of cattle. Making a change of occupation in that year, he formed a partnership with D. Redinger, and has since been successfully engaged in the manufacture of candies, in which he is an expert, the confectionery made by his firm being in great demand by both wholesale and retail dealers.

Mr. Oertle married first, July 28, 1907, Miss Jennie Price. She died December 6, 1911, at an early age. Mr. Oertle married for his second wife, June 30, 1917, Miss Alice Riley. In his political affiliations Mr. Oertle is a democrat. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and also belongs to the Turnverein. Liberal in his religious views he is a consistent member of the Unitarian Church.

**J. HENRY HELLMER.** One of the oldest and best known citizens of Quincy was taken away by death when J. Henry Hellmer was gathered to his reward April 13, 1913. The service for which he was best known and appreciated was the trade of barber. He was engaged in that occupation for sixty-five years and was the oldest man in length of service in Quincy, if not the State of Illinois. He left a good name, an honorable record, and that record is being continued in the life of the city today by his worthy children.

Mr. Hellmer was born in Bavaria, Germany, June 17, 1836. The home in which he died at 837 Oak Street was built by him nearly forty years ago. It is a large two-story brick house, containing eight rooms, and is still the home of Mrs. Hellmer and some of her children.

When J. Henry Hellmer was eight years of age his parents, Simon and Catherine (Godmyer) Hellmer, embarked on a sailing vessel at Bremen and



crossed the ocean to New York City, going thence to St. Louis, and in 1857 the entire family established their home in Quincy. While at St. Louis J. Henry Hellmer and brother Adam learned the trade of barber under their father. After coming to Quincy all three of them were associated in the barber shop of the Tremont Hotel. While there the father and his wife died and the sons afterwards dissolved partnership. Henry Hellmer then had the barber shop of the Quincy Hotel, his brother Adam working for him. When that hotel burned he moved to Maine Street, and continued his work until he had put in sixty-five years at the trade. The brief remaining time allotted to him in mortal life he spent in quiet retirement at his Oak Street home. He had many friends in Quincy and many of the most prominent men of the city had been his customers and friends. He was active in the Catholic Church, was a charter member and organizer of the Western Catholic Union, and was long affiliated with St. Boniface Church.

Mr. Hellmer married for his first wife at Quincy Magdalena Schwendenhann. She was born in Quincy, was educated in St. Boniface School, and died in 1869, after ten years of happy married companionship. She left two sons: Simon Henry, who was well educated and had learned the trade of barber, but died at the early age of twenty-one; and George J., who is now a resident of Boulder, Colorado, and by his marriage to Irene Murphy of that city has three children, Harry, George, Jr., and Anna M.

In 1871, at Quincy, Mr. Hellmer married for his present wife Miss Bertha Benz. Mrs. Hellmer represents an old and solid family of Melrose Township. She was born in Quincy, however, sixty-nine years ago, but was reared at the farm of the Benz family in Melrose Township. She was educated in the public schools and in St. Anthony's School. Her father, Joseph Benz, was born in Germany March 19, 1819, was educated there and in 1847 came to America and after living in Quincy four years moved to Melrose Township. In the same year that he came to America he married Miss Chrissensia Nodler, who was born in Germany May 31, 1824. Their voyage to America was in the nature of a wedding journey, but it was marred by a shipwreck and ninety-six days at sea before they landed at New Orleans nearly starved. Joseph Benz was a very active citizen, and though he died October 11, 1869, when only fifty years of age, he had developed a fine estate of 200 acres in Melrose Township. He was a democrat in politics and reared his family in the faith of the Catholic Church. His widow survived him many years and passed away in 1896, at the age of seventy-two. They reared a family of four sons and five daughters, all of whom grew to adult years except one, four are married, and two sons and three daughters are still living.

The concluding part of this record must pertain to the children of Mr. and Mrs. Hellmer, all of whom are held in the greatest respect. They are all members of St. Boniface Church, and they acquired good educations in the local public and parochial schools. Edward J., the oldest, is connected with the Quincy store of Halbach & Schroder. He married Catherine Delabar and has one son, John E., aged eleven. Catherine L. is the wife of George D. Stratman, an employee of the Electric Wheel Works of Quincy, and they have two daughters, Vary F., aged fifteen, and Rosemary, aged five. Frank X., who is a jeweler at Springfield, Illinois, married a Quincy girl, Ethel Kickert, and has a daughter, Audrey R., aged eight years. Mary O. was educated at Quincy and is now connected with a large store at Lincoln, Nebraska. Sophia H. is an usher in the Belasco Theater at Quincy. Emma C., twin sister of Sophia, married Joseph Kiefer, a printer at Quincy. Bertha M. is the wife of Iven Kurz, of Lincoln, Nebraska, an automobile salesman there. Leona R. is employed in a book store at Quincy.

WILLIAM EDWARD WRIGHT is said to be the largest stock feeder in Mendon Township, and that means that he is also one of the largest in Adams County. He has the farm and acreage and all the facilities required for his extensive operations. His home place is midway between Mendon and Ursa.



Mr. Wright was born in Mendon Township November 19, 1865, and is a son of Nehemiah and Marian (Taylor) Wright. The Wright family has been prominent since early times in Adams County, and Nehemiah had several brothers who were also early settlers of the county.

Nehemiah Wright was born near Banbury in Oxford County, England, November 4, 1823, a son of Abraham and Anna (Hyden) Wright. Anna Hyden's mother was a witness to the battle of Hedge Hill, and lived to a remarkable old age. One of Abraham Wright's brothers served eighteen years in the British Army and was a veteran of the battle of Waterloo. Nehemiah was the youngest of ten children, five of whom came to the United States. One sister died soon after coming to this country and was buried at Mendon. Nehemiah's brother Joseph moved to Southwestern Missouri, and two of his brothers remained in Adams County. The parents of Nehemiah died at the respective ages of eighty-three and seventy-eight. Their old stone house at Banbury is said to be 500 years old.

Nehemiah Wright as a boy learned the trade of shoemaker. He came to America in 1839 in company with a brother, and he paid his passage money of \$40 from wages earned after he located in Columbiana County, Ohio. He lived there until 1844, when he came to Adams County. In 1855 Nehemiah Wright returned to England and married Marian Taylor, a native of the same locality as her husband. He brought his bride back to the country in 1856. In company with his nephew, John Wilcox, Nehemiah Wright cleared up forty acres of land, using ox teams to perform the heavy work. He added to that nucleus until he had a large estate, and his life was an exceedingly busy one. His wife died at the age of sixty-seven, and after that he lived among his children. He was one of the acting supporting members of the Congregational Church at Mendon. Nehemiah Wright died at Citronelle, Alabama, January 15, 1915, at the venerable age of about ninety-two years. He was the father of twelve children, ten of whom survived early infancy: John, who died in Kansas at the age of thirty-two; Walter, of Colorado; Wallace, an agricultural implement dealer at Mendon; Mrs. Alice Trask, of Citronelle, Alabama; William E.; Edith, wife of George Jarman; Frank, who lives in Iowa; Arthur and George, both in Colorado; and Julia, who died at the age of nineteen, just after her marriage. As noted, three of the sons are residents of Colorado and are successfully engaged in stock ranching in that state.

William Edward Wright was reared and educated in Adams County and at the age of twenty-one went out to Kansas and spent a year in Wichita County. Returning, he worked on a farm in Adams County for wages 2½ years. The owner of this farm was Josiah Wible of Ursa Township. On October 1, 1890, Mr. Wright married his employer's daughter, Laura Wible, who was at that time twenty-two years of age. Josiah Wible came to this county from Pennsylvania, when a boy.

After his marriage Mr. Wright conducted a meat market at Ursa for six years, and that venture was attended with very little success. Seeking a new avenue for his efforts, he bought a tract of timbered land included within his present farm and soon erected a mill which cut the timber for his own house and converted a large part of the timber growth of the thirty acres into lumber. Gradually he used the cleared land for farming, and has kept adding to his purchases until he now owns 420 acres and forty-five acres in another tract. His experience as a land buyer reflects the notable rise in values in farm property. At one time he could purchase land at about \$33 an acre, while now some of his own soil is worth \$210 an acre. Mr. Wright some years ago built a fine home on the main road 2½ miles west of Mendon, not far from the Burlington Railroad.

As a stock man he handles hogs, horses, mules and cattle. He feeds about ten carloads of cattle and five carloads of hogs every year, and is an extensive buyer, picking up animals of all sizes and ages both in the local community

and in the larger markets. His feed lots usually have 100 or more cattle, and he frequently has about fifty head of horses and mules. There was a time not so many years ago when Mr. Wright sold wood at \$1.25 a load in order to keep his family in groceries, and his prosperity as a land owner and stock feeder has been a matter of steady progress and advancement for a period of about eighteen years. He is a republican in politics but is no office seeker. His wife is a member of the Christian Church at Ursa. Mr. Wright has spent several delightful vacations in the mountains of Colorado.

He and his wife have two children. Glen is a graduate of the Mendon High School and is now farming part of his father's place. He married Elnora Cornwell and they have a daughter, Eloise. Mr. Wright's daughter Flossie is also at home.

At this point some further matters should be noted concerning Mrs. Wright's family. Her father, Josiah R. Wible, long well known in Adams County, was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1840. The first member of the Wible family to come to Adams County was grandfather John Wible, who came West in 1850 and acquired the land which was later owned by Mr. Wible and is now the Wright farm. Josiah Wible was twelve years old when he accompanied his father and other members of the family to Quincy. They made this interesting journey, which he well remembers, by boat down the Ohio River to Cairo, Illinois, and thence up the Mississippi to Quincy, where they landed on the 22d day of November. Mr. Wible was one of a family of five children, three sons and two daughters. One son died in infancy and the others reached maturity. The oldest daughter was the wife of H. S. Loucks, who far over thirty years or more was a merchant at Ursa. The youngest son, Frank, died in 1916, at Maywood, Missouri. The youngest daughter, Mrs. Anna L. Huston, is still living in Adams County, at Mendon, occupying the old home there. Josiah R. Wible grew up in Adams County and in 1863 married Mary E. Beam, daughter of W. W. Beam. Mr. and Mrs. Wible had their home near Ursa and Mendon until 1899, when they moved to Chicago and have since lived retired in that city. Their summer months they have spent regularly for a number of years at St. Joseph, Michigan. Of their nine children, eight daughters and one son, three died in infancy and one at the age of twenty-two. The living children are all residents of Chicago except Mrs. Wright, who is therefore almost the sole representative of this old and well known family still living in the county.

ALBERT H. SOHM, D. D. S., who holds the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery from Washington University of St. Louis, has been busily engaged in practice in his native City of Quincy for fourteen years. He is a leader in his profession, one of the young men looked to for an active part in all civic and social matters, and belongs to the well known Sohm family, his father being Edward Sohm, the president of the Ricker National Bank.

Doctor Sohm was born in Quincy August 14, 1882, and was liberally educated. He attended the grammar and high school of Quincy College, the National Business College, and from there entered the dental department of Washington University, where he completed his work with the class of 1904. Doctor Sohm has done much to put himself among the leaders in the most progressive branches of modern dental surgery. He recently completed a special course under Doctor James at Chicago, who has a national reputation as a pyorrhea specialist. Doctor Sohm has not only kept in touch with every method and new discovery in the science of dentistry but has also supplied himself with every equipment required for the most expert service, including the X-Ray.

Doctor Sohm married twelve years ago Miss Lyda A. Troja. She was born and reared at Ft. Madison, Iowa, and is a daughter of the late John J. Troja, one of the early wholesale and retail grocery and commission men of that city.



Doctor and Mrs. Sohm are active members of St. Peter's Catholic Church. He is a member of the local, state and national dental societies, is a member of the Country Club and the Chamber of Commerce, and is a fourth degree Knight of Columbus and past exalted ruler of the local lodge of Elks.

WILTON EPHRAIM WHITE is president of the Quincy Coal Company, one of the oldest organizations of the kind in Illinois, having over sixty years of history. The business was established at Quincy in 1857, being financed originally by Boston parties. William Morris was the first president when the company was incorporated in 1869. In 1875 he was succeeded by H. S. Osborn, followed some years later by his son C. C. Osborn, and still later by his grandson F. W. Osborn, who sold his interests to W. E. White, the subject of this sketch, in 1911. For many years the company operated mines in the Colchester and Farmington fields of Illinois, at the same time looking after the wholesale and retail distribution of coal. The company at present handles anthracite and bituminous coals from the different producing states, supplying Quincy and contiguous territory and reaching into Eastern Missouri and Southern Iowa.

Mr. White has resided in Quincy since 1891, and for many years carried heavy responsibilities in connection with the management of the famous Gem City Business College. He was with that school twenty years as instructor in general commercial subjects and lecturer on commercial law and mathematics. He is the author of several text books on mathematical and commercial subjects. During the last fifteen years of his work there he was vice president of the college and a member of its executive board. On accepting the presidency of the Quincy Coal Company, he sold his interests in the school and resigned his educational work. Thousands of young men and women who have been his pupils are now in useful and honorable positions as the result of his conscientious endeavors.

Mr. White's parents, J. A. White and Nancy (Ellis) White, were born in Ohio, and after they began housekeeping moved to Missouri and later to Iowa. His father enlisted in the Thirty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry and gave three and a half years of strenuous service to his country in the Civil war. He participated in more than sixty battles, including Shiloh, where he was wounded. For a time he was with the armies of Grant, later he was under Gen. "Pap" Thomas, and finally marched with Sherman to the sea, and was present at the Grand Review at Washington at the close of the war. He returned to Iowa, residing on a farm near Marion in Linn County. Here, on February 14, 1866, Wilton E. White was born. In 1872 the family migrated to Jewell County, Kansas, where the father preempted a homestead, and accepted the hardships of the early pioneers of that state. The family lived in a sod house, and the children attended school in a sod school house. At that time the settlers were frequently molested by Indians, and the coyotes were much in evidence. The settlers had no trouble in supplying their tables with buffalo meat killed from the herds that roamed at will over the broad prairies and oftentimes destroyed their crops. In 1873 the scourge of grasshoppers destroyed every vestige of green in that part of the state, and the unfortunate settlers would have starved had it not been for "aid" sent from other states to relieve their distress. As an instance of the inadequacy of haphazard philanthropy Mr. White remembers that included in the carloads of supplies for cold and hungry people, taking up valuable space, were numerous large boxes of books, consisting chiefly of state and congressional reports and other statistical matter that was good for nothing but fuel. Mr. White's father and mother, now past eighty, still reside on the old homestead in Jewell County.

Wilton was but six years old when the family journeyed to Kansas, and there his real experience may be said to have begun. His school privileges were limited, but he was a diligent student and made the best use of every opportunity. When seventeen years of age he learned the printer's trade and



was compositor and job printer for a number of years. He soon recognized his need for a better education than he had been able to get in the pioneer country school, and laid plans for a college course. By saving his earnings and by following his trade while pursuing his studies he took a course at the Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan and later at the University at Salina, where for a time he edited and did the mechanical work on the conference paper of the Methodist Church. After finishing his college work he took up teaching, and followed that for several years before coming to Quincy.

Mr. White's wife was Miss Mary Frances Loss, of Marshalltown, Iowa. She is of the highly intellectual type and takes an active interest in social and club life. She is a member of Dorothy Quincy Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, a member of the Round Table and of the Friday Club. They are members of the Vermont Street Methodist Church. The children are Wilton P. and Virginia E. The son enlisted in the Navy on completing high school in 1916, and is now a petty officer on Dewey's old flagship, the Olympia, and is "Somewhere Across." The daughter, aged fourteen, is now in high school. The family residence is at 803 Sixth Avenue, North.

Mr. White is a thirty-second-degree Mason, a Knight Templar and a Shriner, and takes a great interest in all branches of the craft. He has served two years as master of Lambert Lodge No. 659, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and has held numerous offices in the various bodies of the rite. He is at present sovereign prince of Quincy Council, Princes of Jerusalem.

Mr. White takes a great interest in literary matters, is a lover of Shakespeare and the poets, and is an interpretive reader of no mean ability. He has written a number of poems on patriotic and other subjects that have found their way into print, and have called forth considerable praise. The Quincy Herald of January 12, 1918, says: "Wilton E. White, former teacher, present merchant, scholar, litterateur, interpretive reader, has tried his hand at blank verse writing and has succeeded in producing, under the title 'War and Progress,' a composition that shows an intimate knowledge of prosody as among the attainments of the author. Not only this. Also it shows Mr. White versed in the philosophy of life, versed in a world-embracing system of cause leading to effect, versed in world-history of humankind from brute-man in jungle and in cliff and his progress onward and upward—ever onward, ever upward—slaying and destroying each and all opposing forces that obstruct his pathway into the sunlight of a perfect civilization. In his blank verse composition, Mr. White has added to what is best in the literature of the day." The poem is too long for reproduction in this article, but a few stanzas will serve to show its high character:

But count not all the gain as lost  
Of nations gone before; for as, in turn,  
Each ancient race has struggled up the slope,  
Her warlike deeds have hewn a higher step  
And built the stairway nearer to the top,  
Where the sun of freedom shines; and from  
The ashes of these hoary states, Phoenix-like,  
Have risen the great republics that today  
Are grappling at the throat of the last  
Great dragon—the last and fiercest.

And what shall be the fruit of present victory,  
When bleeding Europe's wounds are stanch'd;  
And the frightful havoc Mars has wrought  
Is summed up; and the staggering total  
Of fallen soldiery, of old men exiled,

Of women wronged, of starving babies, of ruined homes,  
 Of desolated cities, of nations bankrupt,  
 Of law and order turned to anarchy?  
 From this red chaos what of good may come?  
 Shall all this ruin count for naught?

O patriot! turn thy face toward the light,  
 And put thy hand unto the plow. The past  
 Is ruined, but thy destiny is fair before thee.  
 The despot is no more; and on these shattered  
 Fragments of the past, thou and thy fellows  
 Shall build the fairest temple of democracy  
 That ever lifted crenelated spire  
 To the starry vault of freedom.  
 With thy loved ones gone, and only tender memories  
 To steady thee, and a strong, clear faith  
 To lead thee on, what canst thou not accomplish?

HENRY KNAPHEIDE. The late Henry Knapheide was born in Lengerich, Muenster, Germany, August 16, 1824, grew to manhood in that country and was taught the trade of wagon worker. After completing his masterpiece, he traveled as journeyman through various cities of Europe and in 1845 left the old country with America as his destination. After arriving at New Orleans he found employment and worked at his trade some two years. He then departed from New Orleans and arrived at St. Louis, where he again worked at his trade. At St. Louis he met and was married in 1847 to Catherine Achepohl.

Catherine Knapheide was born in Borgholzhausen, Minden, Germany, March 16, 1823, and came to this country in 1844. Ocean travel in those days was usually made by slow sailing vessels and to add to the hardships of her journey she was taken down with typhoid fever and had barely recovered on her arrival at the port of New Orleans. In her weakened condition she was carried off the vessel by friends and taken on a steamer about to leave for St. Louis. Under the kind treatment of her friends, assisted by her youthful vigor, she soon regained her strength.

After the marriage in 1848 they came to Quincy, which city they found to their liking and made it their future home. Henry Knapheide associated himself with another native of his country in the building of farm wagons, their shop being located in the 600 block on State Street.

It was about this time Mr. Knapheide introduced to the trade the first cast skein farm wagon in this part of Illinois, which proved a large success and resulted in its being adopted by all wagon manufacturers as the standard skein for farm wagons. This business was carried on for a number of years at this location, after which the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Knapheide became associated with George Goodapple in the same line of work in the 700 block on the same street. This business was continued until after the Civil war, at which time Mr. Knapheide bought his partner's share in the business. Coming from the old country, skilled in his trade, possessing the thoroughness and thrift for which his race was noted, with an ambition to build the best wagon, and with a Christian's faith, success was assured him. The trade soon recognized his work as the best and in a few years time the business grew to such proportions that considerable additional help was required to turn out the work.

Henry Knapheide became a naturalized citizen of the United States and usually voted the republican ticket. He and his wife were some of the charter members of the Kentucky Street Methodist Episcopal Church. Henry Knapheide died August 4, 1890, having reached the age of sixty-six years. His wife reached the age of ninety-two years, dying February 9, 1915.



This worthy couple are represented by a family of six living children. The oldest is Mrs. J. H. Hoffman, of Sigourney, Iowa, the mother of three sons and two daughters, all having received a university education and the sons are in educational work.

The second in age is Henry E. Knapheide, who was born in Quincy, April 15, 1856. He attended the city public schools and is a graduate of the Gem City Business College. Under the direction and skillful eyes of his father he mastered and became an expert in the wagon builders' trade and after the death of his father took charge of the business. He was married at Quincy to M. Augusta Beck. Mrs. Knapheide was born at Brooklyn, New York, being the daughter of Fred W. Beck and wife. Her father was a pharmacist and chemist, traveled extensively and for several years was a drug buyer in China. His wife died while Mrs. Knapheide, her brothers and sisters were quite young, after which he placed the children with friends, Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Lieberherr, who had charge of the Berea Orphanage at Berea, Ohio. Mr. Beck enlisted in the Federal Army during the Civil war and soon won his spurs as first lieutenant. After the war he again took up his profession of chemist. He was stricken with yellow fever and died at New Orleans in 1872.

Mr. Knapheide, endowed with his father's ambition to produce nothing but first class work, his thoroughness and Christian faith, in addition to a good education, began to build where his father had left off. As the trade was brought to realize that the son's intentions to build the best were like unto his father's, the business continued to grow, until it was found necessary to seek larger quarters where the work could be turned out more rapidly in larger quantities. A new plant was erected on Sixth and State streets, and as the trade increased additional buildings were made necessary and today this firm's products are known all over the Central West in a class among the best. Mr. Knapheide is today surrounded by a host of friends and in his business and recreative activities is recognized as a leader. He is president and treasurer of the Henry Knapheide Wagon Company, and a member of the board of directors of several of Quincy's leading business enterprises and banks and is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Knapheide have both children and grandchildren to do them honor, namely: Ruby Clara, who is the wife of David C. Ganz and is the mother of Carlisle, Robert and Jack. She is a graduate of the Quincy High School. Oliver Carl is also a graduate of the high school and the agricultural department of the University of Illinois, and is a successful farmer and stock raiser in South Dakota, was married to Miss May Brown of Springfield, Illinois. To this union were born three sons, Oliver, Jr., Donald and Henry. Harold Waldemar Knapheide acquired his education in the public schools and is now secretary of the Henry Knapheide Wagon Company, and is ably assisting his father in managing the plant. He married Miss Mary Frances Ganz. Their children are Harold, Jr., and Marcia Kathryn. Irma Helen is the wife of A. B. Parker, both high school graduates, and they have one son, Arthur B. Jr. Besides being a high school graduate Mrs. Parker is a graduate of the Columbia School of Expression and Dramatic Art. Jessamine Augusta, a graduate of Quincy High School and the Macomb State Normal, is the wife of Paul O. Botts, who is now serving in the aviation section of the United States Army. Mildred Carrie is a graduate of the Quincy High School and University of Illinois. Lowell Lester is at this time attending high school and is a member of the Farmer Boys' Reserve. Marjorie Hortense, the youngest of the family is also attending high school.

Mr. Knapheide's sister, Emma, is the next younger and is the wife of John Hoffmeister, a successful farmer and stock raiser living near Liberty, Illinois. This couple has two sons and three daughters, all well educated.

Edward J. is unmarried, living with his sister at Sigourney, Iowa.

Melinda C. has achieved an enviable reputation as one of the oldest and best known woman physicians in Illinois and is the wife of Henry Germann,



who is vice president of the Broadway Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Germann have a son and daughter, both graduates of universities and schools of medicine and surgery.

The youngest of the family is William S., now a prominent physician and surgeon of Quincy. Doctor Knapheide married May Brenner, of Quincy, and they now have one living son, who is attending school. Doctor Knapheide is a member of the Masonic fraternity and he and family belong to the Methodist Church, of which all his brothers and sisters are members.

**OTTO H. DUKER.** Noteworthy for his good citizenship and many excellent traits of character, being especially a good salesman, Otto Duker is well known in the business circles of Quincy, being vice president of the J. H. Duker & Brothers Company, wholesale liquor dealers. A son of the late Theodore Duker, he was born in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois, July 23, 1868. He is one of twelve children, eleven of whom are still living and seven being residents of Quincy.

Otto Duker attended Saint Boniface school as a child and later was a graduate of the Saint Francis College. Upon leaving school his wish was to follow the blacksmithing trade, but through his father's persuasion, became familiar with the details of the wholesale liquor trade, with which he has since been actively identified. In 1904 changes were made in the original firm, the new firm of J. H. Duker & Brothers Company being incorporated with Simon Duker, Otto's cousin, as president and treasurer; Otto Duker, vice president; and John C. Ordning, secretary and office manager. Mr. Duker immediately assumed the duties of his position, and as one of the official members of the firm is carrying on an extensive and prosperous business.

Mr. Duker married Miss Martha Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Fisher, on January 28, 1897. Miss Fisher was born, bred and educated in Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Duker have one daughter, Miss Esther.

Politically Mr. Duker is a loyal supporter of the principles of the democratic party. Religiously he is a member of the Saint Boniface Catholic Church and also a member of the Saint James Branch of the Western Catholic Union. He is also a member of the Saint Aloysius Orphan Society. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of Eagles and of the Travelers' Protective Association.

**THOMAS WILL TURNER.** In the fine farming district of Ellington Township, where the possession of land spells prosperity, one of the active factors today is Thomas Will Turner, who has spent his life in Adams County and is thoroughly practiced in every phase of experience as a farmer.

He was born in this county August 13, 1859, youngest of the seven children, four sons and three daughters, of John T. and Harriet (Barnes) Turner. Five of these children are still living: Louisa, wife of J. F. Daugherty, the well known undertaker of Quincy, and they have a family of four children: Emma J., who is a resident of Long Beach, California, and is a professional decorator and also active in Evangelistic work with the Baptist Church; George O., a farmer at Omaha, Nebraska, and father of two children; and Ella, wife of Lewis Wilson, a grower of prunes, cherries and walnuts at Sunnyvale, California.

John T. Turner was born at Livermore Falls in the State of Maine in 1820 and died in 1900. He was only fourteen years old when his parents crossed the country in pioneer style with wagons and teams to the Mississippi River and found a home in Adams County. The mother traveled all the way in a chaise. In 1834, when they arrived, Adams County was a wilderness, with some of the red men still in the forest, and not a single line of railway in the Middle West. As a boy John T. Turner frequently saw deer jumping through the brush and timber and he knew Quincy when it was a small village with none of the pretentious streets and buildings of the present time. Grandfather Turner made his first purchase of land in Burton Township. The deed of that land, written on an old parchment and executed by President Martin Van

Buren under date of August 6, 1838, is now a much prized possession of Mr. Thomas W. Turner, who also has another similar deed. The Turners owned several pieces of land in Adams County and were prominent early farmers and land owners here. John T. Turner first affiliated with the whig party and when that party died out became a republican and was enthusiastic in his membership and a devoted admirer of the great Lincoln. He attended the final obsequies of the martyred president at Springfield. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church and both are now at rest in Wesley Cemetery.

Thomas W. Turner attended the public schools and academy of Quincy and the Gem City Business College, and since then has been busied as a farmer and stock raiser. June 16, 1887, he married Miss Edith Davenport. They are the parents of two highly educated and cultured daughters, Harriet B. and Margaret. Harriet was educated in the common schools, spent two years in the Quincy High School and a year in the Winona Park School at Warsaw, Indiana, and for a number of years was engaged in teaching. She is active in the Presbyterian Church of Ellington Township and superintendent of the primary department of its Sunday school. The daughter Margaret is a member of the class of 1920 in the Illinois Woman's College at Jacksonville.

Mrs. Turner was born at Chelsea, Maine, August 27, 1860, the only child of Charles H. and Harriet R. (White) Davenport. When she was about nine years old, in 1869, her parents came west and settled in the State of Missouri and afterwards moved to Kansas, where her father died in 1872. Mrs. Turner has since lived in Adams County and was educated here and in the Academy at Galesburg.

Mr. Turner is a republican in politics, though in local affairs he supports the man best qualified for office. For many years he has served as township clerk of Ellington Township, for ten or fifteen years was a school director, and has done his full share of public work and helping forward community enterprises of different kinds. He is affiliated with Camp No. 995 of the Modern Woodmen of America at Ursa. He and his wife are active members of the Ellington Memorial Presbyterian Church, and are active patrons of its Sunday school. The farm of Mr. and Mrs. Turner is widely known as the Hunkadory Farm, comprising 174 acres, and with buildings and all the facilities well fitted and accommodated for perfect and adequate service. It is a home in which friends and acquaintances like to gather, and as a farm it is one of the most productive and best improved in the township.

JOHN E. ANDREW. A man of much force of character and of strong personality, John E. Andrew, superintendent of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home at Quincy, possesses in a marked degree the ability and other qualifications fitting him for the responsible position, and is performing the duties devolving upon him with rare fidelity and efficiency. A son of the late John Andrew, he was born June 6, 1849, in Clinton County, Ohio.

John Andrew was born and bred in North Carolina. Going from there to Ohio, he bought a tract of land, and on the farm which he improved spent the remainder of his life. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Smith, was born in North Carolina and died in Illinois. Of their family of seven children, three sons served in the Civil war, and all of the children excepting the subject of this sketch are dead.

At the age of ten years, having been left fatherless, John E. Andrews was bound out, and thus forced to work early and late for his board and clothes. When fourteen years old he ran away and enlisted in the Seventy-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Although but a boy, he took part in several engagements, and at the battle of Peach Tree Creek, Georgia, he was wounded. He continued in service until receiving his honorable discharge July 22, 1865. Locating then in Piatt County, Illinois, Mr. Andrew found employment on a farm, and for four years worked for one man. In the meantime by close application to his



books he acquired a practical knowledge of the common branches of learning, and subsequently taught school a number of terms.

Becoming active and prominent in public affairs, Mr. Andrew was elected sheriff of Piatt County in November, 1882, and served in that capacity for four years, his residence being in Monticello. He was very popular in public life, and later became mayor of Monticello. On May 20, 1913, he assumed charge of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home at Quincy, and has since continued as managing officer of the institution.

Mr. Andrew has been twice married. He married first, October 22, 1873, Fannie Heath. She died at a comparatively early age, May 13, 1902. Of this union five children were born, namely: Marion, of Houston, Texas; Arthur, of Bloomington, Illinois; John, of Detroit, treasurer of the Wallace-Hagenbach Circus Company; Metta, wife of Dr. C. M. Bumstead, of Monticello; and Ethel, deceased. Mr. Andrew married second, November 7, 1907, Mrs. Lavonia (Duvall) Reeser, whose first husband, Charles Reeser, died in early life, leaving her with one child, Gladys, now living in Des Moines, Iowa. Politically Mr. Andrew is a democrat and active in party work. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason, and prominent in Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, Shrine and the Consistory. Religiously he was brought up a Quaker, the faith of his parents, but he is now a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**JOHN H. GEERS.** The career of John H. Geers might be analyzed and subjected to a thoroughly fair trial and it undoubtedly would reflect success at every count and test. Mr. Geers went to work when thirteen years of age. He represents one of the old and substantial families of Quincy of German origin. At the age of thirteen he began handling and selling meats in a packing house at Quincy. This training was a long and extensive one of twenty-two or twenty-three years, and gave him a knowledge of the meat business that has had as much to do with his success as an independent merchant as any capital he has invested. Then, twenty-six years ago, Mr. Geers opened a meat market at the corner of Vine and Eighteenth streets, and subsequently added a stock of groceries. In that one location he has been known to a widening circle of patrons for fully a quarter of a century. He has done well, owns his home and store, holds stock in banks and other industries, and those who keep in touch with patriotic activities of Quincy citizens know that Mr. Geers has subscribed at least \$1,000 worth of liberty bonds, besides various other funds for patriotic purposes.

Mr. Geers was born in the Sixth Ward of Quincy October 6, 1857, and was reared and educated in this city, attending St. Francis Parochial School. His parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Middendorf) Geers, both natives of the Kingdom of Hanover. Henry Geers came to America at the age of eleven years. His wife was eighteen when she came and after landing at New Orleans alone came north to join sisters who had previously located at Quincy. Henry Geers and wife met and married at Quincy and for many years lived in St. Francis Parish of this city and in the Sixth Ward. The father died here in 1914, at the age of eighty-two, and his wife in 1911, aged seventy-six. They were married in St. Boniface Catholic Church of this city, and Henry Geers helped build the present church edifice. By trade he was a brick molder and very skilled workman. During the winter season he worked in local packing houses at a lard renderer. Of their children, two, Josephine and Herman, are now deceased. Henry B., the oldest of the three now living, is married and lives in Quincy, at Thirteenth and Oak streets. Joseph H., the youngest, lives at Sixteenth and Chestnut streets. Both these sons are married and have families.

Mr. John H. Geers married in Quincy Miss Mary Graweman. She was born in St. Charles County, Missouri, in 1859, was reared and educated there, and at the age of seventeen came to Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Geers had twelve children, one of whom, Frank, died in infancy. Elizabeth is the wife of Henry Weaver and has three children. Louisa married Edward Musian and lives



near Chicago, and they have three children. Henry B. operates two grocery and meat market stores in Quincy, and by his marriage to Effie Wilson has two sons. Joseph H. is associated with his father in business, and married Elizabeth Fritz, their family consisting of one son and one daughter. Otto is a meat cutter with Beiler Brothers, and married Carrie Willhock, and has a son and daughter. Clara is the wife of Frank Wattering. Olivia lives at home. Edward is married and has one son. Maria is living at home. Theodore, a machinist, and Cecelia, a student in St. Mary's Academy, constitute the younger children. The family are all members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Geers is a democratic voter and for two years served as alderman and had places of responsibility on several of the important committees. He is affiliated with the Western Catholic Union.

**OSCAR W. SHANNON.** A live, wide-awake young man, full of push and energy, Oscar W. Shannon, of Quincy, is identified with the business life of Adams County as a representative of various prominent insurance companies, and is widely known in the sporting world through his connection with base ball activities and as lessee of Baldwin Park. He is a native born citizen, his birth having occurred May 7, 1884, in Quincy, where his father, the late James T. Shannon, settled in 1872.

James T. Shannon was born, bred and educated in Delaware. As a young man he entered the railway service, and gradually worked his way upward until made conductor on a passenger train, being thus employed after coming to Illinois on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. While in the service on the Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City branch, he was accidentally killed at Green City, Missouri. He married Mary Belle Ross, who was born in Kentucky, and died in Quincy, Illinois, in 1907. Of the seven children born of their union three have passed to the life beyond, and the following named are living: Effie May, of Seattle, Washington; Bertha, wife of William Corley, also of Seattle; Oscar W., with whom this brief sketch is chiefly concerned; and Mary, wife of William Gronert, of Chicago.

Exhibiting as a boy not only decided literary tastes, but much business ability, Oscar W. Shannon at the early age of fourteen years entered the journalistic world, and for three years thereafter edited and published *The Little Gem*, a weekly newspaper, said to be the smallest that ever passed through the United States mail. He met with rare success in his venture, having when he discontinued the publication of his paper, 2,200 paid subscribers at 25 cents per annum, the greater part of his profits, which amounted to \$1,000 per year, coming from the advertising section of his sheet.

On his retirement from journalism Mr. Shannon, then a youth of seventeen years, entered the Union Business College, from which he was graduated two years later. The ensuing four years he was employed as stenographer and bookkeeper by an insurance firm. Forming then a partnership with Mr. Hofer, he was engaged in business under the firm name of Harry F. Hofer & Company for four years, after which he bought his partner's interest in the concern. Mr. Hofer in the meantime had been actively interested in the financial affairs of the Quincy Base Ball Club, and Mr. Shannon served as its secretary for three years. Realizing the possibilities of the association, Mr. Shannon then bought the Quincy Ball Club, and soon afterward astonished the athletic world by giving for the insignificant sum of \$2 a book entitling the purchaser the privilege of witnessing sixty-seven ball games, it being the first and only time that price was ever known in organized base ball. Mr. Shannon sold his interest in the club in 1917, and is devoting a part of his time to Baldwin Park, of which he has been the lessee for the past two years. Under his regime horse racing has been revived in this section of the state, and on his Baldwin Park track the half-mile record was broken in 1917. Mr. Shannon is still actively engaged in the insurance business, handling every branch of insurance, and is largely patronized throughout Adams and surrounding counties.





*William Booth*



Mr. Shannon married, October 5, 1916, Charlotte Walbring, of Mendon, Adams County. Politically he is a democrat; fraternally he is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; and religiously both Mr. and Mrs. Shannon are Episcopalians.

**WILLIAM BOOTH.** The name Booth has been a familiar one in Gilmer Township for many years, and has always suggested traits of sturdy industry, good citizenship and sterling integrity which are invaluable assets to the community as well as to the individuals possessing them.

The late William Booth, who died at the Booth farm July 12, 1904, was one of the oldest men in the county at the time of his death. He was born at Feversham, near London, England, July 12, 1813, and lived to the age of ninety-one, dying on his ninety-first birthday. The Booth farm where he spent most of his active life in Adams County is situated  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Paloma in Gilmer Township, and within one mile of the county farm.

William Booth came to America with his parents at the age of thirteen. He started life with no capital and only his hands and his ambition to make himself useful. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Shields. Their only child was Miss Eliza Booth of Paloma. On September 23, 1846, William Booth married Mary Ann Jeffery. She was born in England February 23, 1825, daughter of Richard and Mary Jeffery, who came to America and settled in section 10 of Gilmer Township. The parents of Mrs. Booth both died in advanced years in this county. One of their sons, James Jeffery, is now living near Oklahoma City.

After Mr. Booth's marriage they located on a farm near Coatsburg in Gilmer Township, moved later to another farm near Paloma and then bought the farm where his death occurred and where his son Wesley now lives. On the old Jeffery farm in about 1860 William Booth erected the comfortable old house which still stands there. He was a very active man in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Paloma, serving as class leader and steward.

The children of William Booth and wife were: Sarah, widow of William Lohr, a Gilmer Township farmer; William, who was assistant postmaster, merchant and during his last years telephone operator at Paloma, where he died unmarried at the age of sixty-six; Mary, widow of Marsh Fisher, of Gilmer Township; Amelia, Richard Wesley, Hannah and Stephen, all of whom reside at the old homestead; and George, who is a railroad man with the Burlington Road at Galesburg.

The sons Wesley and Stephen have bought the interests of the other heirs in the old farm, and are associated as partners in its management, their sisters keeping house for them. Stephen also owns an adjoining farm of eighty acres. These brothers are numbered among the progressive farming element of Gilmer Township. They are republican voters as was their father before them and the family all attend the Methodist Episcopal Church at Paloma. Stephen is a trustee and steward of this church.

**EDWARD F. SCHULLIAN's** name is best known in Quincy through his long and active career as a merchant. Twenty years ago he established a general grocery store at the corner of Twentieth and Chestnut streets, and used such good judgment and prosecuted his enterprise with such energy that in a few years his business had an assured patronage and was performing a welcome service in the community. His success enabled him to build his present large store of stone and wood diagonally across from his old business home, and thus he is still at the corner of Chestnut and Twentieth streets, where he carries a complete line of staple groceries and meats and every year is extending the service of his store to new homes and larger patronage.

Mr. Schullian was born in Quincy at Eleventh and Hampshire streets in 1866. He grew up and received his education in the parochial schools of St. Boniface Parish and as a young man went to work for J. B. Schott as a collar

maker, but finally gave up that work to manage a garden and milk route in Quincy. He was in that line of business for about fourteen years, and then used his accumulated capital in starting his grocery business, as above noted.

Mr. Schullian is a son of John I. and Mary (Schupp) Schullian, the former a native of Wuertemberg and the latter of Baden, Germany. They came over with their respective parents at different times and in sailing vessels. The boat that brought the Schupp family was lost at sea before reaching port at New Orleans, and the family barely escaped with their lives with a very meager stock of clothing that could not be replaced fully until they arrived in Quincy. The parents of both John Schullian and his wife spent their last years in Quincy, and attained ripe ages, some of them dying when past eighty. They were early members of St. Boniface Catholic Church. John I. Schullian and wife after their marriage located in a small home in Quincy and for many years he was a stationary engineer in the employ of the old Gardner Governor Works. He died when past sixty, being survived by his widow several years. For a number of years they had their home in St. Francis' Parish. In their family were five sons and three daughters. The son Herman died before his father. Those still living are John, Joseph, Edward F., Frank, Anna, wife of Barney Brinks, Catherine, widow of Alexander Reardon, and Rose.

Edward F. Schullian married at Quincy Miss Margaret Fredericks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fredericks, both of whom are now deceased. To their marriage have been born a son and daughter, George F. and Ruth M. George F., who was born in 1890, was educated at St. Rose School, and since attaining his majority has been a member of the firm Schullian & Company. He married Henerietta Brinks at Quincy, and they have a son, Norbet E., born in 1917. The daughter, Ruth, was educated in St. Rose Parish and is also a member of the firm and contributing to its success. All the family are members of St. Francis Church. Mr. Schullian is affiliated with the Western Catholic Union and he and his son are independent in politics.

LANDOLIN OHNEMUS has contributed to the commercial enterprise of Quincy as a grocery merchant, and has one of the well patronized and progressively managed stores at 2001 Brady Avenue.

He is member of a family that has been numerously identified with Adams County for many years. He was born in Ellington Township, not far from Quincy, on August 11, 1859, son of John George and Mary A. (Ohnemus) Ohnemus. His parents were both natives of Baden, and though of the same family name were not related. John George Ohnemus was born in February, 1832, and his wife a month later. Both were of Catholic ancestry. They came to this country when young people. John G. Ohnemus took passage on a sailing vessel, a small craft, but bringing 500 passengers from Havre to New Orleans. He arrived at New Orleans forty-two days later and in 1852 came to Quincy. At that time he was in debt \$35 and to support himself and repay his obligation he went to work cutting wood along the banks of Bear Creek near the Mississippi River in Adams County. His wife had come to Quincy to join her brothers Matthew, Conrad and Frank J. and her sister Frances. John George Ohnemus also had several brothers who were residents of Adams County, including Landolin, Theodore and Andrew. All of them became useful and hard working citizens, and all are now deceased except John George Ohnemus. The latter after his marriage went to work on a farm in Ellington Township, and by his industry and the co-operation of his good wife bought and paid for a farm of 160 acres known as the old Ubanks farm. On that homestead he is still living at the age of eighty-six, and his wife died there September 7, 1905, at the age of seventy-three. They were married in St. Boniface Catholic Church at Quincy, and for a number of years were members of that parish. John G. Ohnemus has been a democrat ever since he acquired American citizenship. He and his wife had fourteen children. Among those now deceased were Elizabeth Mary and Mrs. Theresa Gebhart. Those still living



are: J. George; Landolin; Mrs. Lillie Mallard; Frank; Caroline, who is the wife of Mr. Herring, and her oldest son is now in the Government service; Elizabeth, widow of Oscar Holmes, has a son who is a lieutenant in the Electrical Corps at Key West, Florida; Pauline, unmarried; Charles, who is at the old homestead with his father; John Michael, who with his brother Theodore works the home farm; and Frances, unmarried and living at home.

Landolin Ohnemus grew up and received his education in the country districts of Ellington Township and Quincy. In 1903 he came to Quincy and since 1905 has been successfully engaged in the grocery business. He is a live and progressive merchant and has identified himself with every movement of the local business men to promote the best interests of the city. His family are members of the St. Francis Parish, and he is affiliated with the Western Catholic Union and is a democrat in politics.

He married at Fort Madison, Iowa, Dorothy Mansheim, who was born near that city August 11, 1872. Her parents, natives of Germany, were Iowa farmers and are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ohnemus had six children: Walter, who died at the age of two years; Adolph, who is twenty years old and is now helping his father in the grocery business; Bertha F., a graduate of St. Mary's Academy; Carl V., a schoolboy; J. Roy, also in school; and Eugene M., who was born in 1914.

**RICHARD BURGIS STARR.** The name of this prosperous farmer citizen of Mendon Township, whose home is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles southeast of the village of that name, serves to recall some of the pioneer characters who gave their strength and fortitude to the founding of Adams County's most typical New England community, a community where New England ideals and principles have largely predominated down to the present time. Mr. Starr is the only son of the Adams County pioneer, Col. Richard William Starr.

Colonel Starr was born at Guilford, Connecticut, April 30, 1809. He was descended from Dr. William Starr, of Ashford, County Kent, England, who settled at Guilford, Connecticut, as early as 1640. At least one uncle of Colonel Starr served in the Revolutionary war. Richard W. Starr began teaching when only seventeen years of age. At the age of twenty-two, in 1831, he went to Erie, Pennsylvania, and resumed his work as a teacher there for about two years. In the fall of 1833 he made the long and toilsome journey to Western Illinois. He was attracted to Adams County no doubt by the presence here of a Guilford, Connecticut, colony headed by Col. John B. Chittenden, who had come to this county two years previously and was the founder of the Village of Mendon. Arriving in this community Colonel Starr entered and bought 160 acres of Government land at the regular price of \$1.25 per acre. He then started back for Connecticut. The entire distance he traversed on horseback, having as companions two other young men of old Connecticut, Chester Talcott and Henry Fowler.

At Guilford, Connecticut, April 27, 1834, Richard W. Starr married Sarah Robinson Benton. She was born October 11, 1811, and was a niece of Colonel Chittenden, whose wife was a Robinson.

Immediately after their marriage they started west to their new home, a wedding tour such as was not unusual in that time and generation, but one involving more hardships than most bridal couples of the present day would care to endure. The entire journey across half the continent to Adams County was made by water. Accompanying them were several other Connecticut people, including some members of the Benton family. There is an interesting letter extant, dated at Quincy, June 12, 1834, which recounts the interesting features of this journey and serves to tell how it was possible at that time to travel from Connecticut to Adams County entirely by water. Of course a railroad journey for any part of the distance was out of question. The first stage was made by boat over the Long Island Sound, thence up the Hudson



River, from Albany to Buffalo by the Erie Canal, across Lake Erie probably to Cleveland, where they re-embarked on a canal boat down the Ohio and Erie Canal to Cincinnati. Thence they went down the Ohio River and came up the Mississippi to Quincy. It was a voyage of a month, involving three weeks of constant travel and a week spent in the transfer points along the way.

During his previous visit to the county Mr. Starr had contracted with a man to erect a cabin on his land. But as is often the case the contractor had failed to perform his duty, and not a single stick of timber had been cut for the purpose. In absence of such a shelter Colonel Starr and his bride lived during the summer with her uncle, Colonel Chittenden, three miles away. The husband spent many busy days in building his cabin and by fall it was ready for occupancy. The following winter was a very severe one, and as the house was not tightly constructed the snow frequently drifted in and covered the floor. Their situation was also a lonely one, and their nearest neighbor was the Chittendens three miles away. But both of them were strong and vigorous, in the prime of life, and had the determination and courage that enabled them to endure and make a cheerful lot of their pioneer circumstances. In the thirteen years that Colonel Starr was permitted to live he put forth strenuous exertions and improved his land in many ways. In 1841 he erected a comfortable frame house. He had had some experience in surveying and possessed a set of instruments, and was therefore frequently asked to perform work of this kind. He assisted in platting the Village of Mendon, which was originally called the Bear Creek Settlement and later Fairfield. The events of the Black Hawk war were still fresh, and every western community had its military organization. Mr. Starr was active in such matters and Gov. Thomas Curtin in 1841 appointed him colonel of the Thirty-seventh Regiment of Militia. He held that rank and responsibility until his death. His sword is still owned by his son. A vacancy also occurred in the district representation of Adams County in the State Legislature, and in 1839 Colonel Starr was appointed to fill that vacancy. He became a member of the first Legislature that met in session at the new capital at Springfield, and was there when Abraham Lincoln was also a member of the House and Stephen H. Douglas state senator. During the '30s, as is well known, Illinois like other western states had entered upon a great program of internal improvement. The tasks undertaken were greater than the meager resources of the state justified, and furthermore much reckless appropriation and expenditure had been permitted, so that about the time Colonel Starr entered upon his legislative career railroads and canals had come to be regarded as an expensive luxury. Therefore, in 1840, when he was a candidate for re-election he made his platform one of opposition to further railroad grants and increased taxation, and on that platform he was easily elected. He was also re-elected in 1842. His name appeared on the whig ticket, and he was an active partisan of that party. Colonel Starr died in 1846. His death was the result of a chill following overheating in the harvest field. He came of a family noted for its longevity, both his parents living to past ninety, and his untimely death therefore cut short a career which was just beginning to be useful. He possessed a keen mind, and it was well cultivated by extensive reading. Colonel Starr had a fine collection of books, such as was seldom found in the country homes of Illinois at that time. It included a copy of the Iliad, Plutarch's Lives, the Works of Josephus, one or two histories of Rome, and was also rich in the standard English authors, including Shakespeare, Cowper, Burns and Byron. All these books he knew as few men now know them, and his conversation as well as his formal utterances from the public platform were adorned and elucidated by ready quotations from his favorite authors.

Colonel and Mrs. Starr had four children: Susan Maria, who died in infancy; Sarah Cornelia, who lives at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, widow of Walter R. Kingsbury; Caroline Elizabeth, who resides at Oak Park, Illinois, widow of Moses J. Fitch; and Richard Burgess, the only son.

Richard Burgis Starr was born on the site of his present residence June 25, 1842. He was only four years of age when his father died. His widowed mother was left with the care of three children, the oldest being nine. It was a heavy task which she assumed to keep the farm and rear her children. She was a woman of great native capacity and intelligence, and had all the courage and resourcefulness usually associated with the women of pioneer epoch. As a result of her thrift and industry she was able to send her oldest daughter to an institute at Guilford, Connecticut, and thus afforded her advantages not to be had in Illinois at that time. Mrs. Starr was a daughter of Isaac Benton, who came to Illinois to make his home with his daughter, and he was of great assistance to her in bringing up the family. He died at the venerable age of eighty-seven. Mrs. Starr died November 18, 1879, at the age of sixty-eight.

As a result of the conditions and circumstances thus described, some unusually heavy responsibilities awaited Richard Burgis Starr when a boy. He was only fourteen when he took practically all the management of the home farm. In the meantime his education had been limited to a few terms each winter in the district school at Mendon. After reaching his majority he bought the interests of his sisters in the old homestead, and has lived continuously in that locality all his life. He has extended his possessions until the farm now comprises 240 acres. In 1881 he erected a modern home to replace the one built by his father forty years before. Mr. Starr is engaged in general farming and stock growing, and during the last half century he has been identified with all the worthy interests and improvements of his community. He is a republican and a strong temperance man. His partisanship is not so strict as to prevent him from supporting a worthy man for office, and he was one of the many Illinois republicans who supported Mr. Wilson for the presidency. He has served one term as justice of the peace and also as assessor, and used his official power in the latter position to rectify many cases of tax dodging. He has been a member of the Congregational Church at Mendon, the First Congregational Church established in Illinois, since he was twenty-one years of age, and for half a century has been active in its Sunday school either as a teacher or superintendent.

November 9, 1871, Mr. Starr married Althea Elizabeth Taylor, of Urbana, Illinois. She was born at Dayton, Ohio, January 31, 1848, and died November 24, 1909. She was reared in Illinois and was a successful teacher before her marriage. There were three children born to them: Gilbert Taylor Starr, born April 9, 1873, is now the active manager of his father's farm. He married Leota Quinn, and they have one child, Charles Taylor, born April 24, 1911. Charles Burgis Starr, born October 24, 1877, is in the real estate business at Los Angeles, California, and he married Rose Dillon. Willis Fitch Starr, the youngest child, was born August 24, 1881, and died February 14, 1884.

JOHN FRANKLIN SLONIGER is an Adams County citizen who has shown ability to handle his own affairs successfully, to establish a home and win a most substantial promise of continued prosperity and usefulness. Mr. Sloniger has one of the good farms of Honey Creek Township, located three and a half miles northeast of Mendon.

In the same township he was born March 11, 1873. His birth occurred in a building that had been used as a smoke house on Jim Sloniger's farm. His parents were John and Sophronia Jane (Miller) Sloniger. John Sloniger was a son of Oliver Sloniger, who had brought his family west and settled in Marshall County, Illinois. Oliver remained in that county, while his three brothers, Joel, Joshua and Jacob, all became residents of Honey Creek Township. John Sloniger came to Adams County when a young man, married the daughter of Samuel F. Miller, of Honey Creek Township, and then returned to Marshall County. One child was born in that county, and the family then came back to Adams County and John Sloniger worked for his cousin, Jim Sloniger, and was so engaged at the time of the birth of John Franklin Sloni-



ger. John Sloniger was an expert mechanic and machinist, and one of the best qualified men in Adams County handling a separator. He operated a threshing outfit of his own for a few years. He was a man of fine principles, had many friends, but was not actuated by the spirit of acquisitiveness and was well satisfied to go through life with little property to encumber him. His death occurred in Honey Creek Township in 1917, at the age of seventy-two, and his wife died six months later. The first death to break up the family circle occurred only a year before the father passed away. Their family of four children were: Eva Ellen, wife of Robert Hastings; John Franklin; William, who lives at Mendon and married Sallie O'Dear; and Anna May, who died in 1916, at the age of twenty-nine, wife of Fred Hastings.

John Franklin Sloniger lived at home with his parents to the age of fourteen. When eleven years old his skill in handling the plow and proficiency in setting up bundles caused his services to be in demand by some of the neighboring farmers at the small wages then paid boys and farm hands. At the age of fourteen he regularly began employment at a monthly wage, and received what was then considered the best wages for that service, eighteen dollars a month, board and the keep of a horse. When he was eighteen he took the next step in his progress, renting Charles Towers' farm. While there his mother kept house for him two years, and one of his sisters was also with him part of the time.

At the age of twenty-one Mr. Sloniger married Miss Cora Elizabeth Hastings, who was then twenty years of age. She is a daughter of William Hastings, of one of the old and honored families of Adams County. The first year after his marriage Mr. Sloniger worked roads for Dan Hawe, then commissioner of highways. During that time he lived on the same place where he was born. He then rented again, worked roads for two years, and for six years occupied as a tenant the 120-acre farm of P. S. Judy. For two years he was on the William Kells farm and then for two years rented his present place from its owner, Alfred Schill. In 1907 Mr. Sloniger was able to put a long cherished plan into effect to acquire a financial interest in the soil. He bought from Mr. Schill 108 acres, at a price agreed upon of \$69.50 an acre. He had only \$500 as cash payment, as shortly before the sickness of his wife had cost him \$600. Though he had little capital he had gathered considerable stock and farm implements, and he started out bravely with \$7,000 indebtedness. Since then, with continued work, he has cleared away practically all his debt and at the same time has greatly increased the value of his home. Four years ago he built a new house, and he also has a new barn. His land lies partly in Keene as well as in Honey Creek Township. Mr. Sloniger handles some good stock, including about fifty head of Jersey Red hogs.

For seven continuous years he served as road commissioner, his district in the northwest part of the township containing many large bridges, and for nine years he was also a school director. Mr. and Mrs. Sloniger have one son, Chester Earl, who is farming in Gilmer Township and married Elfa Shepard. Mr. and Mrs. Sloniger also have two boys in their home, Gilbert and Albert Shay, who were taken at the respective ages of five and six and are now thirteen and fourteen. These are children of his wife's sister. Still another member of the household is Merle Hastings, the child of Mr. Sloniger's sister. Merle was taken into the home at eleven. Thus considering his public service the way he has worked to win a home, and the young people who have enjoyed the benefits and comforts of that home, it is evident Mr. Sloniger has not lived to himself wholly, but has exemplified a commendable degree of public spirit and a spirit of doing something for others.

THEO. EHRHART. By its products the Excelsior Stove & Manufacturing Company, of Quincy is known practically around the world. It is a great corporation, an immense plant, in normal times employing between 450 and 500 men, and it goes without saying that it requires a man of superior ability and



experience to handle all this immense establishment. Its general superintendent is Theo. Ehrhart, who began his career as an iron or stove molder, and by gradual processes as his merits justified himself to a position where he is one of the leading business men of Quincy.

Mr. Ehrhart was born in St. Louis, October 17, 1866. He attended the common schools of his native city, and learned the trade of molder with the Bridge & Beach Stove Company. He was in their employ until he came to Quincy in 1887, and here began work for the Channon-Emery Stove Company. He followed his trade actively until about 1895, and then was sent on the road as salesman of repairs, and as such traveled for three years over portions of the states of Kansas and Missouri. In 1898, when the Excelsior Stove & Manufacturing Company was incorporated, Mr. Ehrhart was one of the men most active in the organization and became superintendent of the manufacturing department, a position which entails the general supervision of the plant. Mr. John J. Fisher is president and general manager of the company.

Mr. Ehrhart's parents were Matthew and Magdalena (Vogel) Ehrhart. They were born in Rhenish Bavaria, Germany, and came to America when young people. At St. Louis they were married in old St. Mary's Catholic Church. The father was a cooper by trade and conducted a shop of his own in St. Louis from 1866 until he retired in 1899. He died at St. Louis in 1902, at the age of seventy-five. His widow passed away in 1911, and was of the same age. They were for many years members of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in St. Louis, and they were laid to rest in the family plot of the churchyard in that parish.

Theo. Ehrhart married at Quincy Miss Ottilia Fisher, a sister of John J. Fisher, president and manager of the Excelsior Stove & Manufacturing Company, whose individual career is the subject of a separate sketch published elsewhere. Mrs. Ehrhart was born in Quincy, attended St. Mary's Parochial School, and the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Ehrhart was the last celebrated in old St. Mary's Church before it was burned. They are now active members of St. Boniface Church. Mr. and Mrs. Ehrhart have an interesting family of eight children. Matthew J., who was educated in St. Mary's Parochial School, the Irving Public School and National Business College, is now secretary of the N. Kohl Grocer Company, of Quincy. He married Agatha Kohl, of Quincy, and their son, Matthew, Jr., was born in 1918. Lieut. Theodore F. Ehrhart was educated in the same schools as his brother, is a graduate of Gem City Business College, and for nine years was connected with the clerical department of the Excelsior Stove & Manufacturing Company, being in charge of their claim and billing departments. He is stationed at Camp McClellan, Alabama. Herbert W., the second soldier of the family, had an education similar to that of his brothers, having finished school in 1913. For four years he was connected with his father's company in a clerical capacity, then went with the International Harvester Company, and is now stationed at Camp Bragg, Fayetteville, North Carolina, a member of the Forty-sixth United States Infantry. Irene H. is a graduate of St. Mary's Parochial School and the Quincy High School. Paul F. is a member of the class of 1919 of the Quincy High School. Mae M. is a student at St. Mary's Academy, while the youngest of the family are twins, Edna Ottilia and John J., and both in St. Boniface Parochial School. Mr. Ehrhart and his three eldest sons are members of the Knights of Columbus. Matthew J. and Theodore F. are fourth degree members of that order, and Theodore F. has a prominent place among the Knights of Columbus of Illinois. He has served as chancellor and deputy grand knight of Quincy Council, being elected grand knight of that council at the age of twenty-two.

LEROY A. NOLL is secretary of the Noll-Hauworth Company, a business that would be immediately classified as one of Quincy's important and most distinctive manufacturing and wholesale firms. They are manufacturers of a

large line of overalls and workingmen's clothes, and they also do a big wholesale business in manufactured furnishing goods. Their output is distributed all over the Central West. Mr. Leroy A. Noll in addition to his duties as secretary of the company is also its commercial representative on the road, and is the man primarily responsible for the maintenance of cordial and profitable relations with the retail trade through the states of Nebraska, Kansas and Eastern Illinois. He has been secretary of the company since January, 1914.

Mr. Noll was born in Quincy, December 3, 1876, and grew up here, being a graduate of the high school and of the Philbrick Business College. After leaving school he went into the railroad service and was with the general offices of the Burlington and also the Northern Pacific. He was in the railroad and transportation work from 1894 to 1915. During eight years of this time he had charge of the traffic department of the United States Steel Corporation at Duluth, Minnesota.

His grandfather was one of the early settlers of Quincy, and died here when past eighty years of age. Mr. Noll is a son of August Theodore Noll, who was born in Quincy about sixty-five years ago and died here in 1898. He was for many years a commercial salesman, and became well known over a large territory as well as in his home City of Quincy. August Theodore Noll married Alice Hildebrand. She was born in Moline, Illinois, but was reared and educated in Quincy, where she is now living at the age of sixty-five. She and her husband have been members of the Methodist Church and in politics most of the family have been republicans.

Leroy A. Noll has a brother, W. G. Noll, who is head of the Noll-Hauworth Company. Their only sister, Frances Elvira, is the wife of Arthur Wehmeyer, a traveling salesman with home at Jacksonville, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Wehmeyer have a son, Noll.

Leroy Noll married at Brookfield, Missouri, Matilda M. Gardner. She was born there in 1878, and was educated in the high school and the Brookfield College. Her parents, J. C. and Jane E. (Spivey) Gardner, were natives of Virginia, were married in that state and two years later moved to Brookfield, Missouri, where they are still living. Their five children are all married, and one of them, Dr. A. J. Gardner, a graduate of the medical department of the University of Michigan, is now enjoying a success practice in medicine and surgery in Southwestern Nebraska. Mrs. Noll is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Noll is a republican and is affiliated with the United Commercial Travelers.

**JUDGE BENJAMIN HECKLE.** In the annals of Adams County the name of Benjamin Heckle, of Quincy, will long occupy a place of prominence, he having in his official career filled many important public positions with credit to himself and to the honor and satisfaction of his constituents. A native of Germany, he was born June 18, 1847, a son of Theodore and Marnana (Meyer) Heckle.

In 1851 Theodore Heckle came with his family to the United States, locating first in Detroit, Michigan. Subsequently migrating to Scott County, Iowa, he bought a tract of land near the present site of the town of Buffalo, which he laid out, and there both he and his wife spent their remaining days. Of the twelve children born of their union, three are now living, as follows: Joseph, residing in Quincy; Katherine, widow of Henry Springmeyer, lives in Buffalo, Iowa; and Benjamin, the subject of this sketch.

Coming from Iowa to Adams County, Illinois, soon after the death of his mother, Benjamin Heckle completed his early education in the parochial schools, and on attaining man's estate engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1882, at the urgent solicitation of friends, he became candidate for sheriff of Adams County, and being elected to the office served acceptably for four years. He was afterward appointed internal revenue collector by President Cleveland, and rendered excellent service in that capacity from 1888 until 1892. Being then



elected county recorder, Judge Heckle served satisfactorily for four years. Just after the expiration of his term of office as sheriff he had for a time been engaged in the manufacture of shirts and overalls, and in 1896 he again turned his attention to his private interests. In 1900 he once more entered the public arena, and being elected county recorder served faithfully for four years. He was then elected justice of the peace, and has served continuously in that capacity ever since, a length of time that bears visible evidence of his ability and fidelity.

Judge Heckle married, November 7, 1871, Victoria S. Mast, a native of Adams County, Illinois. Eight children have been born of the union of Judge and Mrs. Heckle, namely: Cecelia, wife of A. M. Simons, of Visalia, California; Alois, with whom the judge is associated in the insurance business in Quincy; Joseph, who was accidentally killed; Carl, living in Quincy; Benjamin J.; Edith, wife of Harry Kirtley, of Bushnell, Illinois; Robert F., of Bushnell; and Theresa, wife of Robert Mueller, of Quincy, now serving as public surveyor. Politically Judge Heckle is a steadfast democrat. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Since early manhood he has been conspicuously identified with religious matters, and is an active member of St. John's Catholic Church, to which Mrs. Heckle also belongs.

The MERKEL HARDWARE COMPANY is a Quincy firm with which nearly all the people of Adams County are familiar. It is a business that has had a substantial growth and for several years has represented the enterprise and initiative of four splendid young business men, brothers, who combine with their business ability a high degree of patriotic fervor. All but one are of draft age, and two are now serving with the colors. They are the material of which good soldiers are made. All the brothers stand about six feet in height, are physically perfect, and all of them have a wonderful fund of robust energy at their command.

The president of the company is Carl E. Merkel. The vice president is Albert O. Merkel, now serving with the rank of sergeant and stationed at Camp Logan. The third brother, Arthur C., is secretary and treasurer of the company and is manager of the company's branch store at 1203 State Street. The other member of the firm is Allen H., who is now in the army at Camp Dodge, Iowa.

The business was established by the honored father of these brothers, John J. Merkel, who began it as a partner with William Heim. They opened their stock of goods at the present location of the main store, 1711 Broadway, in 1902, and later the business was incorporated. In 1908 John J. Merkel acquired Mr. Heim's interests and took in his son Arthur C. as a partner. In 1908 the Merkel Hardware Company was organized, and the father continued a general supervision of the business until his death in June, 1911. He had carefully trained his sons so that they have been worthy successors of their father. Continuing the main store, they have added the branch store on State Street, both being about the same size. They have these stores stocked with staple hardware of all kinds, auto accessories, fencing, roofing and other materials.

All the Merkel brothers were born in Quincy and all were educated in the high school. Allen H. and Arthur C. also attended the Gem City Business College. Allen H. is a Mason and Shriner and Elk, while Arthur C. is affiliated with the Elks. Arthur married Jessie Abbott, of Quincy. Mr. Carl E. Merkel married in January, 1918, Miss Helen I. McDonnell, who was born in Quincy and educated in the city schools. She is of Irish and French ancestry, and both her parents are still living in Quincy, where her father is a gas specialty man representing the Russell Engineering Company of St. Louis.

John J. Merkel, father of Merkel Brothers, was born in Pennsylvania of German parentage, and was a small child when the family located in Quincy. He grew up here, learned the tinner's trade, and later was the commercial traveling representative for the Gem City Stove Company. He was one of



their leading salesmen for twenty-five years, and one mark of the esteem in which he was held by the company was a fine gold watch presented him for his services. While on the road for this concern he established the hardware business so that his sons might have it as their business opportunity when they came to age. John J. Merkel married at Quincy Miss Mary Lepper, who was born in this city of German parentage. She died at Quincy in 1912, at the age of fifty. John J. Merkel was about forty-eight when he died. He was a member of the Congregational Church and his wife of St. Jacobi Lutheran Church.

**WILLIAM LEVI RUTLEDGE.** A more enviable class can not be found in America today than the farm owners, those especially who went through many trials and hardships to acquire and develop their land, and in recent years have come to realize worthy rewards for the many sacrifices they made in earlier life. One of this class is William Levi Rutledge, who now past three score and ten lives in comfortable retirement on his farm two miles south of Paloma and fourteen miles northeast of Quincy in Gilmer Township.

Mr. Rutledge has been a resident of Adams County for over sixty years. He came here when a boy of eight. His birth occurred in Baltimore County, Maryland, July 25, 1847. His parents, Benjamin and Mary Ann (Rutledge) Rutledge, came West and arrived at Quincy April 19, 1855. They soon afterward settled on the farm that is now owned by J. B. Thomas south of Columbus in Gilmer Township. Benjamin Rutledge acquired 255 acres in that locality, and one of his pioneer experiences was hauling corn sixteen miles to a distillery near Quincy and then selling it for 12½ cents a bushel. On that farm the father built the comfortable home that still stands in 1877. The previous residence was burned in that spring. Three years before he had erected a good barn. Benjamin Rutledge spent the last six years of his life in Columbus, and finally sold his farm to Judge John C. Broady. He died at Columbus September 4, 1905, at the age of eighty-four. His widow survived him until October, 1916, and died at the age of eighty-six. In Maryland Benjamin Rutledge had operated a paper mill in company with his wife's father. The latter was a millwright by trade. Their establishment was twenty-four miles north of Baltimore. Benjamin Rutledge's father-in-law, Levi Rutledge, also came to Illinois and bought land adjoining that of his son and daughter, and died there at the age of seventy. Benjamin Rutledge and wife had seven children: William L.; Adam T., who lives in the State of Oregon; Frank, a resident of Kansas; Elizabeth, wife of Steve Pollock, of Colorado; George W., of Clayton, Illinois; Laura, wife of Grover Haley, of Kansas; and John H., who has greatly prospered as a farmer and land owner at Smithfield, Nebraska.

William Levi Rutledge grew up on his father's farm and besides his training in the local schools was well fitted for the tasks of a practical agriculturist. On February 28, 1867, at the age of nineteen, he married Miss Mary Etta Wiseman. Mrs. Rutledge was born near Taylor in Marion County, Missouri, February 15, 1846. Her brothers moved to Illinois on account of conditions growing out of the Civil war. After his marriage Mr. Rutledge lived one year on the home farm, then spent seven years in Burton Township, two years at Columbus, and in 1877 came to his present home, comprising 160 acres. For this land he paid \$52 an acre. He began his home making embarrassed with a heavy load of debt and it was bearing 10 per cent interest, and it seems almost incredible to the present generation how he paid it off and lived when hogs sold at 2½ cents a pound and corn at 16 cents a bushel. But he succeeded in making the land pay for itself. Gradually from year to year many improvements were made. His first necessary improvement was the construction of a barn. The old house which stood on the land when he bought it has undergone many changes until it is now modern in comforts and conveniences. Mr. Rutledge, it should be mentioned, bought this land in partnership with



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his brother Frank, and soon acquired his brother's interest. The land when they took possession did not have a single cross fence, but is all now divided into twenty acre fields with most substantial fences, and is an efficiently arranged stock and grain farm. Mr. Rutledge has marketed between 150 and 200 hogs per year, and frequently turns out a carload of cattle. Gradually he has turned over the heavier responsibilities to younger men, and for the past eight years the farm has been operated either by his son or his son-in-law or both.

Mr. Rutledge lost his good wife June 11, 1905, after they had been married nearly forty years. She was the mother of eight children: Zilla, wife of Samuel Martin, of Columbus; Clara, wife of William Gibbs, living near Mendon; Frank Henry, now at Smithfield, Kansas; Lizzie, who died in May, 1917, in Houston Township, the wife of F. S. Finley; Nellie, wife of Thomas Johnson, of Keene Township; Lula, wife of Floyd Tilton, Mr. Tilton having had the active management of the Rutledge farm for six years; Iva, wife of John C. Hocamp, of Liberty Township; and William A., of Columbus Township. Mr. and Mrs. Tilton are the parents of three children, Ruth, Grace and Loretta.

In addition to his achievement in acquiring and paying for a farm Mr. Rutledge has been liberal of his time and efforts in behalf of community improvement. He served nine years as road commissioner and was treasurer of the board all that time, handling about \$2,000 or \$2,500 annually. It was during his official membership on the board that the first real efforts toward permanent road making were achieved. Mr. Rutledge served two years as township clerk and was elected and re-elected assessors for eighteen years and is now serving in that office. He is a democrat, but locally independent in politics, and he has been identified with the Christian Church at Columbus for forty years. It was also the place of worship for his parents. His father was identified with the building of the old church. Mr. Rutledge acknowledges as his chief outdoor sport fishing, and he is a skillful disciple of Izaak Walton. He and O. P. Lawless and Ben Wilhite are a trio with a great reputation as fishermen.

GORHAM J. COTTRELL, whose death occurred in January, 1906, was for many years identified with Quincy business affairs as a hardware merchant. He was successful, prosperous, energetic, and his memory is one that is treasured by his many friends and former associates. His widow, Mrs. Cottrell, is still living in a fine home at 1801 Maine Street.

The Cottrell family is of English ancestry. Lemuel Cottrell, father of Gorham J., was a native of Chautauqua County, New York, and spent his life there. He was twice married and by his first wife had four sons, including Gorham J. as the second. The latter's brothers were Norman, Charles and Nahum. Nahum is still living at Aurora, Illinois.

Gorham J. Cottrell was born in 1830 in Chautauqua County, grew up there, and came to Illinois for the purpose of recovering his health. Later he went back to Chautauqua County and married there Sarah Cole. She was a native of that county. After his marriage he again came to Illinois, locating at Macomb, where he had previously entered business with his brother Charles. They were associated for some years, and then dissolved partnership about the close of the Civil war, Charles keeping the business at Macomb, while Gorham J. moved to Quincy and entered the hardware trade with his brother-in-law, Mr. Havens. That business association was continued until 1877.

Mrs. Sarah Cottrell died in Quincy, and some years later Mr. Cottrell married for his second wife Mrs. Lavina (Cole) Havens, sister of his first wife and widow of his former business associate, Hiram T. Havens. Mr. Havens had first entered business as a hardware merchant in Chautauqua County, where his father had been in a similar line for a number of years.

Mrs. Cottrell by her first husband had one daughter, Sarah Cole Havens. She was born in Chautauqua County, New York, and was two years old when

her parents moved to Macomb, Illinois. She received most of her education in Quincy. In 1877 her father and mother moved to Texas and lived in Fort Worth, where her father died fifteen years later, in 1892. Mr. Havens was laid to rest in Woodland Cemetery in Quincy. Mrs. Havens then moved to Quincy.

Mrs. Cottrell's daughter was married at Fort Worth, Texas, to George H. Dashwood. He was born in England and was brought to the United States at the age of six years. He lived in Kentucky and took up the business of pharmacist. He was in that business at Fort Worth, Texas, and some years ago returned to Quincy, where he continued the drug business until eight years ago, when he sold out and has since been one of the live real estate men of this city. Mrs. Cottrell and her family attend the Congregational Church.

ORSON H. CRANDALL, M. D. One of the oldest men in the medical fraternity in the State of Illinois is Doctor Crandall of Quincy, now retired, and who is still bright, vigorous and active, occasionally looking after some patient who will have the services of no other doctor. Doctor Crandall is ninety-two years old, and has lived in Quincy nearly half a century.

He was born in Onondaga County, New York, son of Beman and Mary (Tuttle) Crandall. His father was a native of the same state and his mother of Ohio and both were of English ancestry. They married in New York State and were farmers there. When Doctor Crandall was four years old, in 1830, his parents came to the western wilderness and settled on the prairie thirty-eight miles northwest of old Fort Dearborn, the incipient Village of Chicago. Their home was near Crystal Lake, Illinois. They put up with the primitive circumstances of that time and place, lived without immediate neighbors for some years, traveled miles to get their grain ground into flour, and as years passed they saw the country develop and grow into one of the richest farming districts of Illinois. Doctor Crandall's parents both died when old, and they had long been identified with the progressive and enlightened citizenship of their community.

It was in this now rich agricultural section of Illinois that Doctor Crandall grew to manhood. He had all the experiences of the old border times in Illinois, and began life with only such advantages as were afforded by the common schools of seventy or eighty years ago. In 1851 he received his license to practice and for several years was located at Crystal Lake and subsequently at Elgin. He received his first diploma from the Eclectic School of Medicine at Cincinnati, but finally took up homeopathy, and has practiced according to that school of medicine for a great many years. He became known as one of the most progressive medical men in his part of the state. Recently he received a certificate of membership in the American Association of Progressive Medicine, and has certificates from various schools and medical societies.

At the outbreak of the war Doctor Crandall enlisted in the Twenty-Fourth Illinois Infantry, and served as a surgeon. During Banks' expedition he was captured in April, 1863, and was held within the Confederate lines until exchanged on the 13th of August in the same year. During that time his diet as a prisoner of war was chiefly raw and sour corn meal. On being exchanged he reported to General Butler at New Orleans and was placed in a regiment under the command of Gen. A. J. Smith, with whom he remained until honorably discharged in the summer of 1865.

Immediately after the war Doctor Crandall was assigned to the duty of incorporating and organizing at Milwaukee the first soldiers orphans home in the country. From there he came to Quincy, and practiced here steadily until he was eighty-five years of age.

Doctor Crandall has been happily married since 1880, when Mrs. Ruth A. Curtis became his wife. Her maiden name was Patchin and she was born in Steuben County, New York, October 10, 1842, and was reared and educated there. Her father was Warren Patchin, Jr., and her grandfather, Warren



Patchin, Sr., both of whom were prominent farmers and millers in Steuben County. Her grandfather at one time was known as the richest man in the county, and died when past ninety-two years of age, while her father was seventy-one when he died. Mrs. Crandall's mother bore the maiden name of Jane Crawford, and she also spent her life in Steuben County. Her parents were members of the Methodist Church. By her first marriage to Albert D. Curtis, a Union soldier, who died soon after the war, Mrs. Crandall has one son, Grant D. Curtis. He is editor of the well known Poultry Journal published at Quincy. Grant Curtis is married and has four sons, Norman and Warren, both of whom are now in France with the American Expeditionary Forces; and Donald and William at home. Doctor Crandall was for many years associated with the Masonic order but has given up his membership.

WILLIAM J. HIRTH was for a quarter of a century active in business affairs at Quincy, but for the past half dozen years has been prosperously and pleasantly engaged in the management of a fine farm in Ellington Township. Mr. Hirth represents one of the sterling German-American families of Adams County, and personally represents the undiluted Americanism which has given this county such an enviable record in support of all war measures and financial contributions.

He was born in this county September 15, 1858, son of Jacob and Catherine (Mause) Hirth. His parents were both natives of Germany and his father for many years occupied a farm in section 18 of Ellington Township. Mr. Hirth is third in a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters. Four of these are still living, all residents of Adams County.

Prior to taking up an active business career Mr. Hirth had a liberal education in the public schools and the Gem City Business College. Many will recall his activity as a hardware merchant. For thirteen years he was in business at 528 Maine Street in Quincy. After leaving that he was local representative of the Adams Express Company for thirteen years. In 1912 Mr. Hirth bought his present farm of 100 acres, situated two and a half miles from the city limits of Quincy on the extension of Twelfth Street. It constitutes a property valuable for its productive energies and also is a splendid home, provided with all the comforts that make life worth living.

Mr. Hirth began life with limited capital and his success has been a matter of gradual accumulation on the part of himself and his worthy wife. May 28, 1890, he married Miss Amanda Pfanschmidt. They have a son and two daughters. The oldest is Laura E., who has distinguished herself for her scholarship. From the public schools she entered the Illinois State University at Champaign, where she is a graduate. She is now head of the household science department at Lombard College in Galesburg, Illinois. She is a member of her college sorority and of the Baptist Church. Mildred O., the second daughter, is now in the sophomore year of the Illinois State University. She is also active in college social circles and a member of the Baptist Church. The son is Delmar H., a graduate of the Quincy High School and now associated with his father on the farm.

Mrs. Hirth was born in Adams County, September 20, 1857, and was reared and educated here. Her parents, Herman C. and Charlotte (Meise) Pfanschmidt, were both born in Germany and are now deceased.

Mr. Hirth is a republican, having cast his first vote for President James A. Garfield. Office holding has not been in his line and he has kept away from politics and given all his time to his business affairs. Fraternally he is affiliated with Camp No. 219, Modern Woodmen of America, at Quincy. Mrs. Hirth is active in sharing the duties and responsibilities of membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Hirth still retain a city property at 621 Vine Street. They have been industrious workers and have tried to live as they went along, a fact which is in much evidence at their home.



In 1903 they took a vacation and visited the Pacific coast, including such cities as San Francisco, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Denver and Salt Lake City.

CHARLES C. OSBORN. One of the oldest names of the commercial life of Quincy is that of Osborn. The Osborn family came here over seventy years ago and they have been successively identified with milling, the coal business, and other extensive affairs.

The founder of the family was the late Henry S. Osborn, who was born in London, England, in 1814. He settled in Rochester, New York, in 1834, moved in 1837 to Pike County, Ohio, where he was in the milling business, and in 1846 came to Quincy and erected the Eagle Mills. He came to Quincy by way of canal and river. His partner in the Eagle Mills was John Wheeler. Their first plant was at the foot of Broadway on Front Street. When the Burlington Railroad was built to Quincy they moved their property to Second Street and Broadway. The mill was burned about 1855, and soon afterwards the railway acquired the property for their present freight house. About that time Mr. Wheeler retired from the business. Henry S. Osborn then became interested in the coal business about 1859, and for many years was president of the Quincy Coal Company, a wholesale and retail and mining business. The company had extensive mines at Colchester, Illinois, where they sunk and drained thirty-one coal shafts. The product from these mines was widely distributed at Quincy and for many of the river boats then plying up and down the Mississippi. The mines were continued until they were exhausted in 1912. For many years the Quincy Coal Company has had its offices at the foot of Broadway. Henry S. Osborn continued the active management of the business until his death in 1895, and he was then succeeded by his son Charles C. Osborn, who finally sold his interests to Mr. M. E. White.

Henry S. Osborn married Sarah A. Carter. Henry S. Osborn was a republican and served a number of years as alderman from the First Ward. He and his wife had two sons, William H., born in 1840 and Charles C., born in 1842.

After selling his interest in the coal business Charles C. Osborn retired, and is now spending his declining years in a comfortable home at 816 Spring Street. He has always been one of the good and stanch citizens of Quincy, and has contributed largely to the hospitals and other worthy causes. His brother William was for a number of years a Mississippi River boatman and was clerk on the old "Divernon" running between St. Louis and Keokuk. He died in 1877, leaving a widow and two sons.

On April 14, 1864, Charles C. Osborn married at Quincy Miss Mary Arthur, who was born in St. Louis June 30, 1841. They lived together a happy period of half a century and on April 14, 1914, were privileged to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Osborn died a few months later, in November of the same year. She was reared and educated in St. Louis. Her parents were natives of Ireland but were members of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn had their church home in the Vermont Street Church for many years. Mrs. Osborn was a teacher of the primary department of the Sunday school for twenty years. For over a dozen years Mr. Osborn served as trustee of the church. When his wife died the church presented him and his children with a splendid testimonial as to her long continued and faithful membership.

Mr. Osborn's oldest child is Charles A., born January 19, 1865. He is a resident of Quincy and married Olive Smith. Frank W., the second son, was born August 24, 1867, and is now in the real estate and loan business at Kansas City under the firm name of Lemley and Osborn. He married Jennie Hull and they have a son, Arthur, born in 1900. Alice Osborn, born May 24, 1872, is the widow of Mr. Hedges, and she and her daughter Mary E. Hedges, now a student in the Quincy High School, reside with her father. Mary Ann, the youngest child, born November 24, 1876, is the wife of William R. Lemley,

of the firm Lemley & Osborn at Kansas City. Mr. and Mrs. Lemley have two sons, Frank and Robert, both students in the Kansas City High School.

**SAMUEL SMITH NESBITT, M. D.** In the eightieth year of a long and well spent life Samuel Smith Nesbitt is enjoying a well earned retirement at Payson. He was a physician, a man of high standing in his profession for many years, but finally gave that up to go to farming, and the modern generation knows him almost entirely as a farmer.

Mr. Nesbitt was born at Orangeville, Wyoming County, New York, February 10, 1839. His father, Henry Nesbitt, came from County Cavan, Ireland, when a young man and married in New York State Eleanor Smith, a native of that state. Henry Nesbitt died in 1888, at the age of eighty years.

Samuel Smith Nesbitt at the age of twenty, in the fall of 1859, came to Illinois with his older brother George. George was already a successful physician, having located at Sycamore in DeKalb County several years before. He was one of the first practitioners to practice medicine there, and died an honored and respected member of the community when about sixty years of age.

Dr. Samuel S. Nesbitt had been reared on a dairy farm, and his first work in Illinois during the winter of 1859 was teaching a term of country school. The custom still prevailed of the teacher boarding around with the parents of his pupils, and every week he had to change boarding places. The following spring he went to Knox County, Missouri, and taught near Novelty until the spring of 1862. At that time war conditions made it almost impossible to collect taxes and he therefore returned to Illinois and found a school in Burton Township of Adams County. This was the Tandy School. He taught there during the winter of 1862 and also taught a school at Payson. In the meantime he had studied medicine and during 1863-64 he attended a course of medical lectures in the medical department of the University of Michigan. In the interval he taught another term at the Tandy School, and then entered Buffalo University, from which he was graduated M. D. with the class of 1866. Doctor Nesbitt did his first practice at Virginia in Cass County, Illinois. The county had become so filled with tenant farmers that collections were almost impossible and he finally decided to abandon medicine and take up farming.

In the spring of 1867 Doctor Nesbitt married Miss Emily Wheeler. She had been a pupil of his while he was a teacher in the Tandy School. Her parents were William B. and Matilda Wheeler. The old Wheeler home was a half mile west of the Tandy Schoolhouse, and Mrs. Nesbitt was born there. She was one of nine children, only four of whom reached maturity. George Wheeler lived and died on the old farm in Burton Township and was only twenty when his life was terminated. Elizabeth married George Morris, of LaGrange, Missouri, and died at the age of thirty-five. Of her children William and Thomas are in Quincy, the latter a street railway man, while Will is connected with the Herald. Another brother, Jacob, is a carpenter at Hannibal. Emily Wheeler Nesbitt is the only survivor of her parents' children. Scott died at the age of eighteen on the old farm.

In 1870 Doctor Nesbitt and wife returned to the old Wheeler farm of 214 acres. The land of the old Wheeler home was pre-empted by Mrs. Nesbitt's grandfather in early days, and the old house built about 1842 was constructed of brick burned on the land. Mr. Nesbitt's son Harry E. now occupies this old farm. Mr. Nesbitt himself retired from the farm in 1911, after having managed its resources steadily since 1880. He was a general farmer and gave particular attention to the raising of hogs.

Doctor Nesbitt served as assessor of Burton Township and for six years was supervisor of that township. He was also a director of the old Tandy School District and is now president of the Board of Education of Payson Village. The new high school building was erected during his administration. He has always been a democrat in politics and attended as a delegate many county and state conventions. In 1863 he was made a Mason in Payson Lodge,



while a teacher in the local schools. He is the oldest member of that lodge to receive his degrees there. He and his wife have always supported the Christian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt had five children: Walter S. is a harnessmaker at Payson; Lemuel V. is in the grocery and feed business at Sixth and Kentucky streets in Quincy; Lillie May married Henry Seehorn, in the railway mail service but living in Fall Creek Township; Harry E. is on the old Wheeler farm; Leona Ada is the wife of Henry Eugene Barry, a railway mail clerk living at Quincy.

JACOB YOUNG. For fifty years Jacob Young has been a farm worker and farmer in Adams County, and after many years of thrifty co-operation with the soil has earned the competency that now enables him to enjoy life and leisure in his attractive home in Quincy.

Practically all his farming was done in Melrose Township. In 1872 he made his first purchase of land, a small tract in section 25 of Melrose Township. Later he increased it to eighty acres and kept constantly adding to its value by the addition of good buildings, fences and other improvements. He built a house, a barn 32 by 40 feet, and had practically all of it in cultivation. The land is well drained, and has for many years produced abundant crops. In 1900 he sold this farm to his son William H. Young, who is still its proprietor. In 1881 Mr. Young had also bought eighty acres in the South Quincy drainage district, a greater part of which is tillable. He continued his farming career until 1900, when he built a six room brick house at 1112 South Ninth Street, and has made that his home and has been largely retired or has merely devoted his time to his private affairs.

Mr. Young was born in Bavaria, Germany, April 17, 1851, and received part of his education in the old country. His father, Ludwig Young, also a native of Bavaria and a farmer there, died in 1861, at the age of fifty-seven, when his son Jacob was ten years old. He had married Catherine Wagner, and she was left with six children: Henrietta Catherine, who is married and still living in Bavaria; Ludwig, Jr., who married in Adams County, but died in Missouri, leaving one child; Louisa, who married at Quincy, died in 1876 and left a son and daughter, her husband being Lawrence Ludwig; Jacob is the next in the family; Adams is a cigar maker at LaSalle, Illinois, and has two daughters; and Minnie died in 1876, at the age of eighteen.

After the death of the father the children gradually broke away from home towns in Germany and all but one came to America. In 1869 Mrs. Catherine Young, her son Jacob and her daughter Minnie set out from Hamburg on the steamship "Simbria" and made the voyage from Hamburg to New York and thence came direct to Quincy, where the daughter Louisa had already located. The mother spent the rest of her years in Adams County and died in 1891, at the age of seventy-two. She had reared her family in the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Jacob Young came to manhood in this county, was a farm laborer for some years, and when about twenty-one years of age bought his first land, as above noted.

He married in Melrose Township Mrs. Mary Boelling. She was born in Westphalia, Germany, March 1, 1841, and came to this country with her sister Anna in 1867. They sailed from Bremen and were nine weeks in crossing the ocean to New Orleans. They came up the Mississippi River and in the fall of 1867 reached Adams County, where Mrs. Young has now lived for over half a century. Her sister Anna married Herman Boelling, and they are now retired farmers in Sumner County, Kansas, and have six living children, all married and all with families of their own.

Mrs. Young first married in Quincy Philip Merker, a native of this country of German parentage. He was a farmer and died in Melrose Township in the prime of life. His only child, Fred Merker, is now living in the South. He

also had a daughter, Emma, that died in 1876, when four or five years old. Mr. and Mrs. Young have a son, Ludwig, now a farmer in Arkansas, and is married. Wilhelmina, who was educated in the public schools and is the wife of George Schaufnit and lives on a farm in Melrose Township. Their children are Clara, Freda, Arthur, Flora, Henry and Esther. William H. Young above mentioned is proprietor of the old homestead, married Tillie Kappner, and has three children, Albion, Walter and Elsa. Anna M., the youngest of the children, is the wife of Harry Spelker, a machinist at Quincy. They have a daughter, Ella M. and an infant son. The family are members of the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church at Quincy. Mr. Young and sons are democrats in politics.

A. OTIS ARNOLD is publisher and manager of several of Quincy's best known journals, one or two of which have a circulation practically national and serving to acquaint the people of America with this splendid Mississippi River city. Success seems to create success, and a number of other interests have been attracted to and have grouped themselves around the name of Mr. Arnold. He is one of the leading republicans of Adams County and men of all parties are gaining an increased confidence in his judgment and ability. He is also prominent in fraternal affairs, being one of the leading Masons of Western Illinois.

He represents an old South Carolina family. His grandfather, Fleming Arnold, was born in that state, and in early manhood moved to Tennessee. Later, about sixty years ago, he came to Illinois and settled at Columbus in Adams County. After the war he moved to the Big Neck community in northern Adams County and for a time conducted a general store in that village. He died at the age of seventy-four. Fleming Arnold married Miss Mary Pierce, and he survived her several years.

John T. Arnold, father of the Quincy publisher, was born in Illinois in 1854, and was a small child when his parents came to Adams County. He married at Big Neck Miss Nancy R. Nelson. She was born in the same neighborhood and both her grandfather and her father James Nelson, had lived there. Before coming to Adams County her people lived in Kentucky and in later life moved to Missouri and died in that state. Her father died at Loraine, Illinois, when in advanced years. He was a farmer and had married in Adams County Miss Frances Willard. The mother of Mrs. John Arnold was born in the northern part of Adams County September 12, 1837, and died in 1909, in California. The Nelsons were Methodists.

After their marriage John T. Arnold and wife located on a farm at Big Neck near Loraine, and lived there many years. He finally moved into the Village of Loraine, where they are now living, and he is giving his attention to the coal business. They are members of the Methodist Church. John T. Arnold has been identified with the democratic party in politics. He served as assessor of Houston and also collector in Keene Township a number of years. He and his wife had three sons. The second, I. Otho, is a resident of Quincy, was connected with the Quincy postoffice twelve years, and is now with the Standard Oil Company. He married Cora Thompson, of Mendon, and they have children named Wanda May and Otho, Jr. Roy Arnold, the youngest son, is a farmer in the Big Neck community. By his marriage to Lona Lowary he has children Maxine, Myrtle, John Thomas, Leaffie M. and Robert B.

A. Otis Arnold was born in the northern part of Adams County in January, 1878. He was educated in the country schools, attended village high school at Camp Point, and for two years was a teacher. Coming to Quincy in 1902, he at once became associated with John M. Stahl, publisher of the Farmers Call. He was in the business office of that publication, and later acquired a half interest. In 1915 he became sole proprietor, the name of the paper having been changed five years previously to the Illinois Farmer. That name is well chosen, since the circulation of the paper is now practically state wide. In 1904 Mr. Arnold established the Home Instructor. In 1907 he acquired the



Quincy Record, a local paper which has since been published and managed by him. His latest acquisition in the way of a publishing medium was made in 1917, when he took over the Poultry Keeper, which is published through his office and which is one of the best mediums of news, information and advertising for everything connected with the poultry industry. Mr. Arnold is now owner of the majority of the stock of the Globe Printing Company, a business that has been in existence more than forty years, and has a complete modern printing plant at 520 Hampshire Street.

In politics Mr. Arnold has affiliated with the republican party since reaching his majority and casting his first vote. Three years ago he was a candidate for nomination for state representative, and with the enhanced prestige gained by increased age and business prominence his name went before the party primaries in September, 1918, when he was nominated and later elected a member of the Fifty-First General Assembly of Illinois.

Fraternally Mr. Arnold is affiliated with Quincy Lodge No. 12 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He soon became interested in lodge work throughout the state and was elected Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1914, in 1915 was Deputy Grand Master, in 1916 became Grand Master. He is also a member of Lambert Lodge No. 659, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Quincy, and is affiliated with the Scottish Rite Consistory. He is also a member of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club, being one of the organizers and the first secretary of the local organization of the Rotarians. In Adams County he married Miss Leaffie B. Lowary, who is also a native of northern Adams County. They have one daughter, Nancy A., who was a member of the class of 1920 in the Quincy High School but is now attending Carthage College. Mr. Arnold and family are members of the Methodist Church.

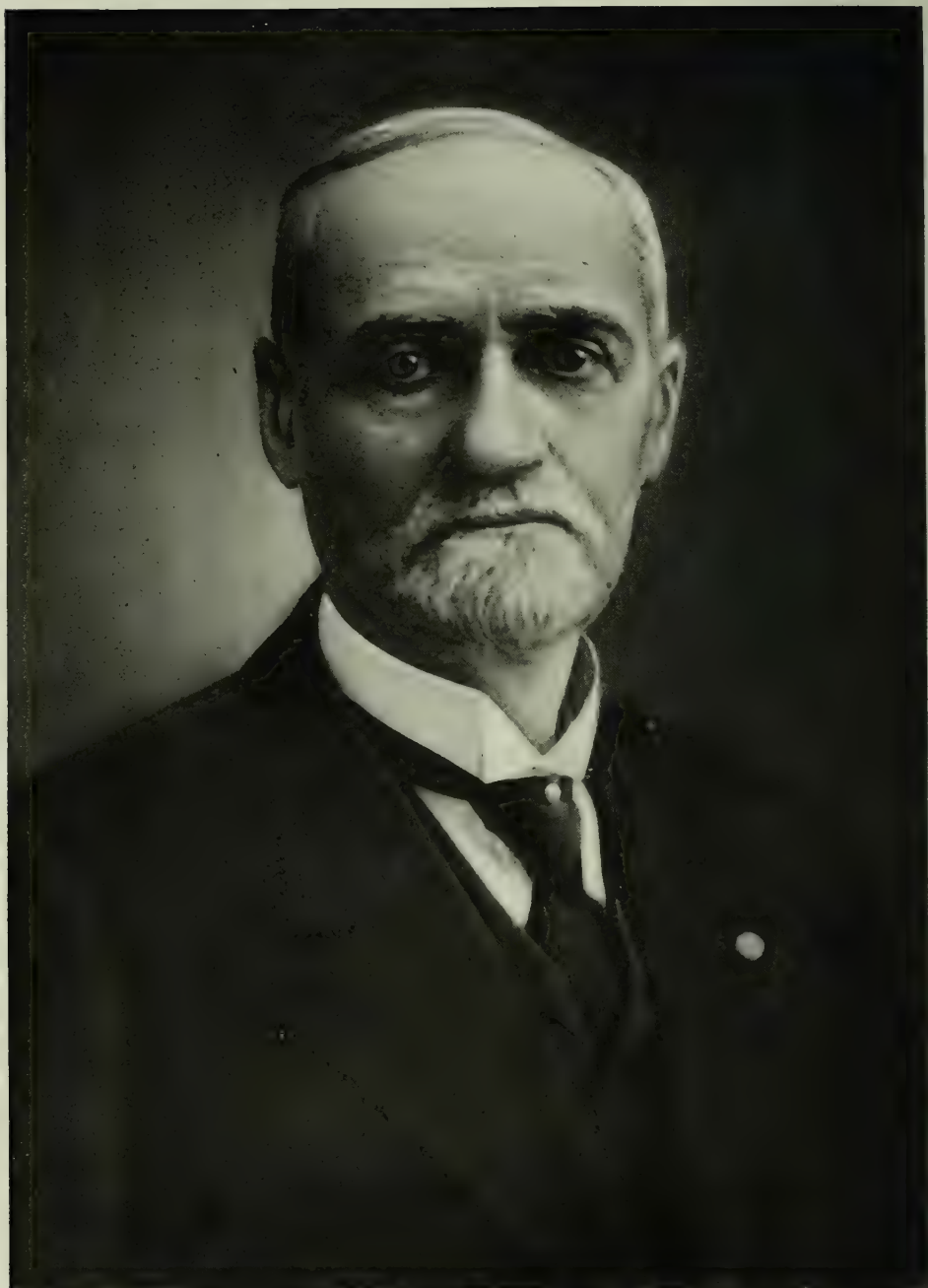
HENRY LONG in the flush of young manhood, only recently married, located in Adams County seventy years ago, and was one of the leading citizens of Payson Township for nearly half a century. Prior to the Civil war he located in the Village of Payson, and he lived there until his death May 8, 1896. Mrs. Long has survived him more than twenty years and it is now seventy years since her marriage. Mrs. Long, now in the shadow of her ninetieth year, is still occupying the old home in Payson Village, tenderly cared for by her devoted daughter Ada V.

Henry Long was born in Hampshire County, West Virginia, then the State of Old Virginia, October 25, 1823, and was seventy-three years of age when he died. He was the fourth of six children of Clawson and Rachel (Wagner) Long, also natives of Virginia. Henry Long grew up on a Virginia plantation, and on September 12, 1848, at the age of twenty-five, married Miss Elvina C. Baker. Mrs. Long was born in the same county of Virginia as her husband, on February 2, 1829. Her parents also came to Adams County. They were George and Anna (Lyon) Baker. Her father bought land in Payson Township and located where his son George W. L. Baker is still living, just south of Payson. Mrs. Long was the oldest of ten children, three of whom are still living, including George W. L. Her brother Michael is a resident of the State of Louisiana. Two other brothers of Mrs. Long came west, Frederick, who practiced medicine in Missouri for a number of years, and Edward, who also lived in Missouri.

Henry Long and bride reached Payson Township in the spring of 1849. Here they began farming, having 160 acres four miles from Payson Village on Pigeon Creek, but sixty-two years ago he moved into the Village of Payson, where he had a residence and about ten acres of ground. Mr. Long was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving as a member of its official board for many years.

He and his wife became the parents of eleven children, five of whom reached mature years. George W., the oldest of these, is a carpenter now living at Fort Collins, Colorado. Curtis B. is a street railway employe at Los Angeles,





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California. Eugene died July 1, 1907, at the age of forty-two. Anna M. married Charles W. Coughlan, editor of the Pike County Times at Pittsfield, Illinois. Ada V., the youngest, has always made her home with her mother. Mrs. Long is a great lover of flowers, and for many years has found pleasure, health and recreation in tending her plants and shrubbery both inside and outside the house. She has produced some wonderful roses. Mr. and Mrs. Long while they had a large family of their own always kept something of an open house for other people not blessed with homes of their own. They reared an adopted child, Charles W. Long, who for many years ran the hack to Quincy and is still living at Payson.

CAPT. GERALD M. FINLAY. For over half a century one of the honored and conspicuous figures in Adams and Hancock counties was the late Capt. Gerald M. Finlay, who was an honored veteran of the Civil war, in which he organized and led a company, and for many years gave faithful and diligent attention to his affairs as a merchant and property owner. He was a man well fitted for leadership, but aside from the services he rendered when his country was in danger and one or two honorary offices he was content to remain a private citizen.

Captain Finlay was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, December 29, 1836, and died at his home, 411 South Twenty-Fourth Street, in Quincy September 29, 1914. Rev. William B. Finlay was born in County Cavan, Ulster, Ireland, February 15, 1809, and was of Protestant ancestry. He married Charlotte Best, of the same community in Ulster, and both the Best and Finlay families have furnished other citizens to this section of Illinois. Rev. William B. Finlay was carefully reared and trained, was educated in Kildare College prior to his ordination as a minister of the Wesleyan Church. In 1839 he brought his family to the United States by sailing vessel, and soon afterward located in Melrose Township of this county. Here he entered upon his services as a local preacher in September of the same year, and was regularly ordained in 1849 by Bishop Jones. In 1857 Rev. Mr. Finlay moved to Chili, Hancock County, bought a farm there, and gave his time to farming and preaching for many years. He subsequently moved to West Point, Adams County, where he died when past ninety-two years of age and his wife also died at West Point. Two of his daughters are Mrs. Mary Woods and Mrs. Helen Garner of Adams County.

Gerald M. Finlay was not yet three years of age when brought to Adams County. He attended school here, and in 1857, at the age of twenty-one, moved with his parents to Hancock County. At the age of eighteen he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a faithful and consistent member of that denomination until his death.

On August 12, 1861, he enlisted in Company I of the Tenth Missouri Volunteer Militia, and was active in organizing that company. When it was mustered into the Union Army he was made first lieutenant. He was with that command during the fall and winter of 1861-62 and participated in a number of military movements through Missouri. In the meantime some reorganization occurred in the regiment, and he was assigned as first lieutenant of Company C. From that time forward he was with his command in all its marches and battles, except at the battle of Iuka. He was not in that engagement because he was then convalescent from an attack of typhoid fever. On the advice of his surgeon he resigned his commission in January, 1863. During his service he was in actual command of his company the greater part of the time, owing to the absence of the regular captain, and was always known as Captain Finlay, though he never held a regular commission with that rank.

After the war Captain Finlay engaged in the grain and general merchandise business at Augusta, but from 1877 to 1887 lived at Quincy and built a home at 1622 Hampshire Street. In 1887 he returned to Augusta, and resumed the grain business, to which he devoted his attention for many years. After re-

tiring he and his wife spent two years in travel and in 1904 they retired to Quincy and lived in their home at 411 South Twenty-Fourth Street until his death.

Captain Finlay was a very public spirited citizen. He was one of those most influential in promoting the George Rogers Clarke Monument, served as chairman of the commission, and was influential in having that monument erected in Quincy. The only other public position he ever held was as supervisor of the census for the Warsaw District in 1900. He was a staunch republican after attaining his majority, was a member of John Wood Post, Grand Army of the Republic, member of the Masons and the Knight Templar and also a Scottish Rite Mason. Captain Finlay owned considerable valuable real estate in Quincy.

At Augusta, Illinois, September 15, 1864, Captain Finlay married Miss Martha J. Rice. Mrs. Finlay was born in Augusta March 30, 1841, and was reared there, finishing her education in the old Methodist College at Quincy. For a short time before her marriage she taught school. Her parents were David and Clarinda (Wilson) Rice, both natives of Missouri and of southern families. Her parents at one time owned a fine farm at Augusta. Her father was a skilled blacksmith, but in later years gave his attention chiefly to the development of coal veins which underlaid his property, and became a very well-to-do citizen. He died in Augusta at the age of seventy, while Mrs. Finlay's mother died at the age of sixty-two. Both were members of the Methodist Church and her father was a republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Finlay celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on September 15, 1914. This celebration took the form of a trip to St. Louis, and it was while returning that Captain Finlay was taken ill, his illness developing into pneumonia and just two weeks later he died. His prominence as a citizen is well reflected in the fact that the Quincy Whig used part of its first page to tell the details of his death and publish an interesting photograph taken when Captain Finlay was in the Civil war. Captain and Mrs. Finlay had no children. Mrs. Finlay still occupies the old home on South Twenty-Fourth Street. She is a member of the Vermont Street Methodist Episcopal Church, and Captain Finlay among other instances of his generosity gave \$2,000 to this church and also donated a similar sum to his Masonic Lodge.

ALBERT AKERS was born on a farm in Columbus Township, Adams County, Illinois, on the 26th day of September, 1849. His parents were of that sturdy pioneering stock that pushed westward across prairies and into the forests, making them habitable for those generations to come. It was a life of privation and self-sacrifice and oftentimes poverty. Such indeed were the environments of Albert Akers' early life. He was the eighth child of a large family and his opportunities for anything other than hard labor were very meager. Schools were few and of a poor quality compared to the modern school. Up to the age of twelve years he attended the district school about three months in the year, working on the farm the rest of the time. When the Civil war broke out his four older brothers enlisted in the Union Army and the responsibility of the care and support of his widowed mother and the younger children devolved upon him, his father having passed away a short time previously. It was a burden under which many a lad of twelve would have faltered, but his earlier training and privations now became an asset of no mean value for the task thrust upon him and enabled him to perform his part manfully and uncomplainingly. He continued as a farm laborer until he was twenty-two years old, when he entered school at Camp Point. He studied there for seven months, when he was granted a license to teach, and by teaching in the winter and attending normal schools in the summer he acquired a fair education.

In 1878 he entered the office of Carter & Govert, where he studied law for a year, and then went to Shelbyville, Indiana, where he completed his law



studies and was admitted to the bar, and entered upon the practice of his chosen profession in 1880. He continued the practice of law in Shelbyville eight years, during the latter part of which time he was editor and part owner of the Shelbyville Times, and was a member of the city council always taking an active interest in political affairs.

Judge Akers returned to Quincy in 1888 to practice his profession in his native county and soon became one of the leading and aggressive practitioners at the Adams County bar as a member of the firm of Akers & Swope. He was elected state's attorney in 1892 and served as such the full term of four years. Among the important cases which he prosecuted were those of the Kingston white-cappers, and George Coward, who was sent to the penitentiary for life for murder. He was elected alderman from the Sixth Ward in 1897, and was one of the influential members of the city council. In 1903 he received the nomination on the democratic ticket as candidate for judge of the Adams County Circuit Court and was elected to that office on June 18, 1903, was re-elected in 1909, and again in 1915. His popularity throughout the entire district is the strongest possible testimonial that in his administration as judge of the Eighth District he has been fearless, impartial and has administered the law as he finds it, tempered with such justice as the exigencies of the case will allow. His ability to retain clearly within his mind the evidence submitted in long and complicated litigation enables him to winnow the wheat from the chaff and strike squarely at the heart of the matter in hand, basing his decisions upon the actual facts in the case, giving opinions that are accorded more than usual respect by the bar as a whole.

Upon the resignation of Mr. Justice George A. Cooke in December, 1918, Judge Akers has been prominently mentioned as a candidate for the Supreme bench, but promptly and emphatically refuses any such additional honors.

At Cincinnati, Ohio, September 8, 1876, Judge Akers married Miss Ida May Silver. Mrs. Akers was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, October 9, 1857, and died at Quincy, November 13, 1917. She was reared and educated near Cincinnati, and came as a bride to Quincy after her marriage. Mrs. Akers was a member of the Baptist Church and widely known throughout Quincy for her many splendid traits of character and personal kindness. Judge and Mrs. Akers had four children, three of whom are living: Mrs. Alice Durant, wife of Carl Durant, of Brookfield, Missouri; Albert Earl Akers, of Quincy; and Ida May Akers, still at home. There is also one grandchild, Richard V. Akers.

**HARLOW MILLS SPENCER.** In the death of Harlow Mills Spencer, which occurred at his home a half mile south of Payson August 15, 1915, the services of one of the valuable men of Adams County were lost and at a comparatively early age. Mr. Spencer was not yet fifty years old. All his neighbors knew his ability and success as a farmer, but it is important to remember not only that fact of his career, but the steady influence he radiated for good in the communities where he lived.

He was born on the old Spencer home farm now occupied by his brother Glenn on March 7, 1866. He lived there during his boyhood and up to the age of twenty-four. After reaching his majority he determined to secure a better education than that furnished by the common schools and paid his way during his course at Oberlin College in Ohio. When he went to farming it was in Pike County on Sni Island, in the Draining District of that name. He and his wife lived there in a community of rather backward social conditions, and their influence did a great deal to elevate and improve the social standards of their neighborhood. Mr. Spencer raised wheat on the bottom lands. December 31, 1891, he married Olive Bennett, of Payson, daughter of George E. and Delilah V. (Baker) Bennett. Her father was long a prominent citizen of Payson Township. Mrs. Spencer was second in a family of three children, her brother Edgar E. being a resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and identified with oil production. Her sister, Hester A., married William Inman and died

at the age of twenty-nine. Her father married for his second wife Mary E. Williams, who is now living in Ohio. George E. Bennett died May 17, 1917. Olive Bennett was 4½ years old when her mother died, and she was carefully reared by her stepmother. She was twenty years old at the time of her marriage.

For twelve years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Spencer lived in the Mississippi Bottoms. They added to their possessions until they had 277 acres, all devoted to corn and wheat crops. The experience was a successful one and on selling out their farm they bought the present home of Mrs. Spencer, a half mile south of Payson. This farm was originally owned by his grandfather, Joseph Elliott, one of the prominent pioneers of Payson Township elsewhere referred to. The farm comprised 160 acres. Mr. Spencer was always progressive and though he took the farm in a good condition he did much to further improve it. He supplied it with buildings of all kinds and made it especially well known as the home of high class livestock. He was the pioneer in introducing into this part of Adams County the full blooded Polled Duram cattle. He obtained the nucleus of his herd from Knox City, Missouri, about 1911, and devoted much time and study to improving and maintaining the stock. He kept his animals registered and many of them have since been acquired by neighboring farmers, with resultant benefit in raising the general standard of livestock in that community. Mr. Spencer's son has continued the operation of the farm and has bestowed equal care and effort upon the livestock.

The late Mr. Spencer was active until within a few weeks of his death. He was never an aspirant for official honors for the sake of the honor, but was for a number of years employed in some official duty. He served as road and bridge commissioner in Pike County, as school director and school treasurer, and when he was elected school treasurer his wife succeeded him as director. In politics he was a republican.

Mr. Spencer was married at the age of twenty-four and from that time until his death he was never away from his wife for a longer time than a week, while engaged in jury duty. He was very unselfish, always wanted his wife with him and sharing in all his pleasures, and they took many trips together. Mr. Spencer was a member of the Congregational Church from boyhood, and he succeeded his father as deacon of the church at Payson. He was a splendid bass singer and for many years sang in the church choir, in the Sunday school and also in the Payson quartette. He was exceedingly faithful to all his duties in church and Sunday school, and he apparently never found time to ally himself with any fraternity. He was a member of the County Farm Improvement Society, and he took a great deal of pride in keeping his own farm improvements to the very highest standard. Mrs. Spencer has remained on the farm since her husband's death, and a son is now handling its affairs very competently.

Mrs. Spencer is the mother of five children. Samuel George Spencer, operating the home farm, was liberally educated, taking a special agricultural course in the University of Champaign. He is an expert machinist, and is one of the farmers of Adams County who have been successful in managing the tractor. He also has a feed mill, and has made his farm a factory as well as a source of raw production. He married Miss Ella Speckhart, and they have one child, Harlow George. Esther L. Spencer, the oldest daughter of Mrs. Spencer, married Paul Reinebach, and they live on the old Reinebach homestead in Fall Creek Township. Mary J. Spencer is the wife of Carl Speckhart, a farmer of Fall Creek Township, and has one son, Harlow Adam. Olive Ruth Spencer is a graduate of the local high school and attended the Normal at Macomb, and is a teacher. Lois E. is now in the sophomore class of the Payson High School.

Mrs. Spencer has been active in church work, served as church organist eleven years, is a member of the Missionary Society, Red Cross and the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The late Mr. Spencer was always a man



of literary interests, in spite of the absorbing nature of his farm interests. He constantly read magazines and good books and kept in close touch with the big questions of the day and enjoyed nothing better than the society of his friends and the discussion of affairs which always marked these meetings. Reference has already been made to the value of his presence in the bottom land district of Pike County. He and his wife were among the very few land owners then cultivating the lands of the district, most of the land being owned by non-residents and worked by tenants and transient labor. Naturally the institutions of a settled community had made little progress there. Mr. Spencer as soon as possible secured a minister to hold service, and in a year's time had built the Spencer Chapel on his own farm. This is still a prosperous congregation and is now a Methodist church, Mr. Spencer giving the land for the building site. The church was more than a source of religious inspiration, and became in fact an educational center for the entire community. It has done a great deal to elevate the standards of the community. Within a few years after the Spencers located there the people were buying buggies, the women were wearing good dresses, and there were many other evidences of an enlightened spirit. The late Mr. Spencer had a fine mind, and an especially good memory, and though exceedingly busy with practical details he carried much choice literature in his mind, and could quote at length many verses and fine examples of the standard poetry which he had learned as a boy in school.

**WILLIAM A. FIFER.** Many of the substantial enterprises that flourish at Quincy have been founded, capitalized and entirely developed here, not always by the present generation, which, however, with more favorable opportunities, have built up on the old foundations commercial structures of surprising importance. An instance is the Quincy Show Case Company, of which William A. Fifer is president and treasurer, and C. Arthur Fifer is secretary. For over forty years the name of Pfeiffer has been honorably identified with business in this city.

William A. Fifer was born at Quincy, Illinois, May 18, 1881. His parents were Henry Charles and Augusta (Apel) Pfeiffer. Both were born in Germany and when twenty-one years of age came to make their home in the United States, locating permanently in the City of Quincy. By trade the father was a molder, but he also had knowledge along other mechanical lines, and in 1876 he gave up work as a molder and went into the business of manufacturing show cases, organizing what is now the Quincy Show Case Company in association with J. F. Pieper. He invested largely in the company and continued its secretary and treasurer up to the time of his death in 1910. He was also a stockholder and a director of the Mercantile Trust & Savings Bank, one of its first directors, and had additional minor interests, as he was a man of great business enterprise. His wife survived him four years, her death occurring June 21, 1914. They were the parents of the following children: Lillie, Lillie (2) and Amelia, all deceased; Augusta, who is the wife of M. T. Koelsch, of Quincy; a daughter who died in infancy; Henry, who is a resident of Memphis, Tennessee; William A.; C. Arthur; and Herbert, who is deceased.

William A. Fifer attended school at Quincy until he was fourteen years old and then went into his father's factory and learned the business from the ground up. As he deserved them one office after the other became his until he at length became vice president and treasurer of the company. Associated with him is his younger brother, C. Arthur Fifer, who is secretary of the company. A large business is done, the name and reputation of this firm being known all over the state.

William A. Fifer was married October 21, 1903, to Miss Nettie Stubbs, who was born at Springfield, Illinois, and they have one daughter, Martha Jane. Mr. Fifer is a republican in his political views. He is an advanced Mason and belongs to some special business organizations, while socially he is president of the Quincy Country Club and is also president of the Rotary Club.

JOHN J. MORIARTY is a well known figure in the commercial life of Quincy, manager for Bolles and Rogers, one of the largest firms in Illinois dealing in hides, tallow, fur and other products. The plant of this company is at 101 Front Street and it is a branch of the main business whose headquarters are in Chicago. The business was established in Quincy in July, 1905, and since that date Mr. Moriarty has been general manager.

Mr. Moriarty was born in Seneca, Kansas, June 26, 1860. Both his parents were born in Ireland, were reared and married there, and came to the United States in 1848. He grew up in Kansas, attending public and parochial schools, and was a student of St. Mary's College at St. Mary's Kansas. He began his business career as a salesman in Cincinnati, and later went to the far Southwest in New Mexico Territory, and was with the Charles Blanchard Company at Las Vegas. From there he returned home, but soon went back to the Southwest and was in the employ of Don Pandaries in the wilds of Mora County, New Mexico. Four years later he returned to the Middle West and spent one year as a traveling man in the northwestern states. At Kansas City he then became associated with Benjamin McClain and Company, hide dealers. They sent him as their buyer to New Mexico. While in New Mexico he had acquired a fluent command of the Spanish language and the Mexican dialect and he proved a valuable representative to his firm. After five years he left the Southwest permanently and in 1892 located at Quincy.

This city has been his home for over a quarter of a century. For some years he was traveling representative of the Hirsch Hide Company of Quincy, and when that company was taken over by the Bolles & Rogers Company he continued with them as traveling representative and buyer for three years, until he was made local manager.

Mr. Moriarty has served as a member of the Board of Aldermen for eight years from the Fifth Ward, and is an active democrat. He owns one of the good homes of the city at 1418 Hampshire Street, the residence having been erected three years ago.

In St. Louis Mr. Moriarty married Miss Ida Harriott. She was born in St. Louis, and was educated in the public schools there. They have two daughters: Nora A. was educated in the parochial schools and St. Mary's Academy and is at home; Opal May was educated in St. Mary's Academy at Notre Dame, Indiana, also in the public and parochial schools of Quincy, and is the wife of Forrest Knipe, of Oklahoma City. Mr. Moriarty is a member of St. Rose Catholic church and is a charter member and fourth degree Knight of Columbus. He is also affiliated with the Woodmen and with the local post of the Travelers' Protective Association.

CHARLES F. LOOS is one of the firm of Pape & Loos, the largest and most widely known millers in this section of Illinois. Mr. Loos is as busy as the typical miller is supposed to be, has a great many details at his finger's ends, and manages everything with system and order. Pape & Loos own and operate the Gem Mills and the Acme Roller Mills, the former at Eleventh and Broadway and the latter at Twelfth and Broadway. These mills for many years have manufactured an extensive output of flour and feed stuffs of various kinds. Their best known brand is Acme flour, which is sold and consumed all over the Middle West. The capacity of the mills is 125 barrels per day. In recent years they have also used their plant according to Government regulations for the manufacture of many flour substitutes, including corn meal, corn flour, and rye flour, and this has of course been one of the big features of the industry. About thirty people are employed in this milling industry.

Mr. Loos has been an active member of the firm for twenty-three years. He is an Adams County man, having been born in Melrose Township, September 4, 1871. He grew up on a farm and received his education in the public schools. He started in the milling industry at the bottom and has acquired a masterful knowledge of the entire technique.



His father, George F. Loos, was born in Melrose Township August 10, 1848, and was one of the early settlers of Adams County. George F. Loos married November 16, 1869, Auralia Louisa Heidenrich, who was born February 2, 1851. They had twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, ten of whom are still living.

Charles F. Loos married in Fall Creek Township of this county Emma Heithold. She was born in that township in 1876 and was reared and educated there. Her parents were J. Henry and Elizabeth (Speckhart) Heithold. Her father was born in Germany and her mother in Adams County. They married in Adams County and were prosperous farmers of Fall Creek Township, where both died when past seventy years of age. Mrs. Loos died in October, 1914. She was the mother of the following children: Lela, a graduate of the Quincy High School and still at home; Mildred, a graduate of the city high school, the Gem Business College, and is now employed in the office of the business college; Raymond, a graduate of high school and now taking a course in the Gem City Business College; Thelma, a high school student; Erma and Delbert, both attending the Webster grammar school. Mr. Loos married for his present wife Anna Schmidt. She was born in Quincy and of German parentage, and was reared and educated in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Loos have one daughter, Virginia, born in 1916. They are all members of the Salem Lutheran church. Mr. Loos served as trustee of the church four years. He is a democrat in politics.

**THEODORE W. WAND.** While financial institutions are absolutely necessary in carrying on justly and honestly as well as efficiently the transactions that represent a city's commercial life, not one day would these institutions fulfill their designated duties without integrity and ability being woven into their business fabric. A large measure of distinction attaches to those who have proved deserving of any trust, and banking institutions place high value on their proved and experienced employees. One of Quincy's well known business men in this connection is Theodore W. Wand, who has been identified with several of the important banking institutions of this city for many years, and furthermore is active and interested in all that concerns the progress of Quincy along other lines.

Theodore W. Wand is a native of this city, born April 1, 1874, son of Christian and Elizabeth (Duker) Wand. His father, now a retired resident of Quincy, had a long and active association with Adams County both in its commercial affairs and as a citizen. He was born in Marion County, Missouri, March 7, 1849, a son of William and Margaret (Bergmann) Wand. William and Margaret were both natives of Germany. William Wand came to America in the early '40s, and though farmer he went out to California in the days of forty-nine and spent about two years on the Pacific coast. In the meantime his wife had moved her family to Melrose Township of Adams County, Illinois. In 1878 William Wand and wife moved to Quincy, where both of them died in 1881. They were the parents of eight children: William, who died in 1916; Christian; John, who still occupies the home farm in Melrose Township; Nicholas, deceased; Mary, of Quincy; Elizabeth and Veronica, both deceased; and Margaret, wife of Garry Vandenboom of Quincy.

Christian Wand grew up on his father's farm, had a common school education, and at the age of nineteen left home to clerk in a general store at Quincy. That was his employment and source of experience until the age of twenty-three, when he engaged in general merchandising in a store at 718 Maine Street in Quincy. Christian Wand continued this business until 1887. In the following year he became a factor in the local pork packing industry, and followed it actively for about five years. Since then he has spent his time looking after his private interests, his farm and city properties. He is a democrat, a member of the Knights of Columbus and is active in St. Francis Catholic Church. April 29, 1873, Christian Wand married Elizabeth Duker, who has been a resident of Quincy all her life. Six children have been born to their marriage, and of the



five now living all are residents of Quincy except one. The oldest is Theodore W.; Frances lives with her parents; Bertha is deceased; Arthur J., who was assistant manager of the New Willard Hotel at Washington, D. C., died October 13, 1918; Ida E. is wife of Robert Soebing, assistant cashier of the Mercantile Trust & Savings Bank; and Florence is at home.

Theodore W. Wand was afforded many educational as well as social advantages in his youth. After attending the parochial school he entered St. Francis College and pursued his studies there for three years and then took a course covering one year in the Gem City Business College at Quincy. He then entered the employ of W. T. Duker as bookkeeper, but shortly afterward was appointed to the office of special tax collector, in which he served for two years, following which he was deputy county recorder and remained in the recorder's office for 3½ years. For the past fourteen years Mr. Wand has been with the State Savings, Loan & Trust Company and for nine years has had charge as cashier of the Broadway branch of this bank, at all times meeting every demand made upon his ability.

Mr. Wand was married May 9, 1900, to Miss Mathilde Damhorst, a daughter of George Damhorst, and they have the following children: Theodore C., Rosalie, Harold, Clarence, Dorothy, Virginia, Mildred and Paul Robert. Mr. Wand and his family belong to St. Francis Catholic Church.

Politically Mr. Wand is a staunch democrat and exerts considerable influence in city politics without ever desiring any political favors for himself. He is a member of the Western Catholic Union and for many years has been a member of that great Catholic organization the Knights of Columbus.

**D. LAFAYETTE MUSSELMAN.** The building of a great educational institution is a noble achievement. It means wide opportunity to the individual and untold advantages to a community. Quincy, Illinois, is the fortunate home of such an institution. Here the Gem City Business College was founded in 1870 by D. L. Musselman, Sr., and each passing year has added to its fame as it has grown in usefulness.

D. L. Musselman was a delightful character, respected by his fellow citizens and loved by his students. On June 16, 1910, he passed out of life in his home at Quincy. Besides his wife, Mary M. (McDavitt) Musselman, he left one daughter, Hattie V., who resides with her mother, and three sons, D. Lafayette, who is president, Virgil George, who is vice president and Thomas Edgar, who is secretary of the great school which the father founded.

D. Lafayette Musselman, Sr., was born April 21, 1842, in Fulton County, Illinois. His people were in humble circumstances and unable to afford him the educational advantages he craved, and the efforts he made on his own behalf in boyhood might well serve in its overcoming of hardships, as the basis of an encouraging story for others similarly situated. In 1862, when twenty years old, he enlisted for service in the Civil war then in progress, entering the Eighty-Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and upon the organization of Company C was elected first sergeant and shortly afterward was advanced to second lieutenant, which rank he held throughout the war. He was present at every battle in which his regiment participated and these included the mighty struggles at Perryville, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Dallas, Peach Tree Creek, Chickamauga, Rome, Kenesaw Mountain and Jonesboro. The annals of his regiment tell of no more valorous deeds than he performed on many occasions.

Having been careful and provident, Lieutenant Musselman returned to private life possessing some capital, a part of which he used in taking a complete course in a Chicago business college. Following this he taught in the Bryant, Stratton and Bell Business College, and in the old English and German College of Quincy, which was situated where the Jefferson School is now located.

It was in 1870 that he started the Gem City Business College with three students, which were increased to thirty-three by the end of the year. The success of the venture gave encouragement and largely through hard work and

judicious management the attendance steadily increased. As the outlook grew wider Mr. Musselman met the new demands, and when he had a registry of 800 students he found he required more commodious accommodations. In September, 1892, the present magnificent building was opened to students. The present enrollment numbers some 1,400, coming from nearly every state in the Union. This \$100,000 building, which is thoroughly modern in all its appointments, is the home of a school that has a national reputation. Its successful graduates are numbered by the thousands and are located in every section of the globe. Bookkeeping, actual business practice, banking, shorthand, type-writing, mathematics and penmanship are thoroughly taught by a large faculty of experienced teachers.

The eldest son, D. Lafayette Musselman, was born at Macomb, Illinois, March 31, 1879. He attended the public schools of Quincy and after completing the high school course became a student in Shattuck Military Academy at Fari-bault, Minnesota. He then read law under Judge McCrory of Quincy. He took a commercial and stenographic course in the Gem City Business College, in which institution he was an instructor from 1898 until 1900. From 1900 until the death of his father in 1910 he served as secretary and treasurer of the school, at which time he was elected president of the school, which position he has held since. In 1898 he was the representative of the L. E. Waterman Fountain Pen Company of New York City at the Omaha Exposition.

Mr. Musselman has other important interests and in many ways is one of Quincy's most valued and trusted citizens. In 1907 he was president of the National Commercial Teachers' Association. He is a member of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce, the Quincy Rotary Club, chairman of the business college section of the International Rotary, is a member of the Quincy Board of Education, is vice president of the Chaddock Boys' School at Quincy, is a director of the Quincy Park and Boulevard Association, is a trustee of the Woodland Home for Orphans, and is continually called upon to serve on committees and commissions in relation to benevolent movements here and in other places. He is chairman of the Adams County Chapter of the American Red Cross and a director of the Quincy National Bank. He is a trustee of the Vermont Street Methodist Church, a Knight Templar, a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner.

The second son, Virgil George, attended the Quincy High School, the University of Illinois, and the Gem City Business College, following which he taught in the school, later becoming secretary. Since the death of his father he has been vice president of the school.

He is also secretary of the Board of Trustees of Blessing Hospital, secretary of the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, and is secretary of the Sunday school of the Vermont Street Methodist Church as well as steward of the same church. He is, also, a Knight Templar. He is very active in all public matters and has acted as captain in several of the Liberty Loan drives.

The youngest son, Thomas Edgar, attended the Quincy High School, is a graduate of Shattuck Military Academy, and received his B. A. degree at the University of Illinois in 1910 and his master's degree from the same university in 1913.

He is an authority on bird life, butterflies, etc. He is, also, an athlete of unusual ability, having been tennis champion of the University of Illinois two years and for five years was tennis champion of the Iowa-Missouri-Illinois Tournament. Besides being secretary of the Gem City Business College he is principal of the bookkeeping department and lecturer on business English and letter writing. He is secretary of the Quincy Country Club and a member of the Lambert Lodge of Masons.

J. GRANT STUART. A large part of J. Grant Stuart's business career has been in financial institutions, and as cashier of the Broadway Bank at Quincy he is considered able, reliable and trustworthy. He was one of the original or-



ganizers of this bank in 1910 and has been identified with it ever since, and through courtesy and just discrimination has made firm friends for the institution as well as for himself.

J. Grant Stuart was born in Indiana, July 5, 1867. He is a son of Henry and Abigail (Lassiter) Stuart, both of whom were born in North Carolina. With other members of the Society of Friends they left the Old North State during the Civil war and located in Indiana, and the father was engaged in farming and milling during the rest of his active life. His death occurred at Plymouth, Illinois, December 14, 1905, he having moved to Illinois in 1868. The mother makes her home at Augusta in Hancock County. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Julian L., who lives at Lewistown, Montana; Zelinda, who is the wife of Walter H. Peek, near Lewistown; Thomas C., who lives at Conway, Texas; Rebecca, who is the wife of E. J. Pickens, of Mendon, Illinois; Margaret, who resides with her mother at Augusta; Willa, who is the wife of Frank Morrison, of Loraine, Illinois; and J. Grant, of Quincy.

J. Grant Stuart attended the country schools and helped his father on the farm during boyhood, after which he assisted in his brother's butcher shop at Plymouth for one year, and then spent a year in college at Dixon, Illinois, where he completed a business course. Returning then to Plymouth he became a farmer and also a dealer in stock, buying and shipping in that vicinity and at Loraine for some time. Realizing the lack of good banking facilities at Loraine, which had become an important shipping point, Mr. Stuart in partnership with Jacob Klepper and George H. Eastman organized the Loraine State Bank. Mr. Stuart became cashier of the institution and served continuously for the next three years and then resigned because of failing health. Subsequently he served as assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Augusta and then resigned and took a period of needed rest. A quiet life, however, soon palled and in 1910 he re-entered the banking field as one of the organizers of the Broadway Bank at Quincy and has filled the office of cashier ever since.

Mr. Stuart was married September 4, 1894, to Miss Eugenia Cady, who was born at Camden in Schuyler County, Illinois, and they have one daughter, Roxie Katherine, who was born in April, 1900.

Mr. Stuart has never been a politician in the accepted sense of the word, but, believing in the principles of the republican party, he has never hesitated to proclaim them and give hearty support to this political organization. For many years he has been a member of the Masonic Lodge, No. 1, of Quincy and of the order of Knights of Pythias, and with his family belongs to the Christian Church.

JOSEPH B. C. FREIBURG. A trade that provides for an actual need of nine-tenths of the human race is the manufacture of shoes and deserves to stand, as it does, among the world's important industries. Materials and form differ in different countries because of custom and climate, but protective covering for the feet is a general necessity. From tropical lands where this covering may be largely ornamental to the rigorous climates where only the cold-defying skins of fur-bearing animals are adequate, show material is husbanded. Holland still clings to her picturesque wooden shoes, and grass supplies material for the Chinese coolie, but in home markets and in the United States leather has never been superseded. Other countries have laid claim to fine bootmaking and dainty footwear, but without doubt this country with its enormous factories and marvelous shoemaking machinery provides not only the greatest number of substantial shoes but the most attractive and best fitting styles.

It is easily within the memory of present residents of Quincy when the shoemaker's shop and the busy cobbler would be found on every business street, and it was such a shop that was the beginning of the extensive shoe manufacturing business of Joseph B. C. Freiburg, one of Quincy's large enterprises, located at 729 Maine Street. The original shop was established here many years ago by his father, Henry Freiburg.





*Jos. B. C. Freiburg.*



This being an age of specialization and as few small shops can compete with the enormous output of machine shoe factories, Mr. Joseph Freiburg has modified his business into a high class specialty that gives his enterprise a special distinction. He is a graduate chiropodist and orthopedist, having attended courses in several of the well known institutions, and his chief diploma bearing date August, 1914. An expert shoe maker, for years he has specialized in making custom boots and shoes to fit abnormal feet, and in order to get the advantage of scientific training as an additional equipment for this work he began the special study of how to treat and handle unusual cases of foot deformity. His reputation in this line has spread beyond local limits, and his shop is patronized by many of the best people of the city. He graduated from the Illinois College of Chiropody and Orthopedics in March, 1918, and is a member of the National Association of Chiropodists and a member of the Illinois Orthopedist Association. He has neglected no opportunity to make the most of his highly specialized trade. It is interesting to note that Mr. Freiburg in the course of his experience made shoes from every species of hide from the human skin to an elephant hide.

Mr. Freiburg was born December 14, 1862, at 717 Maine Street, in the same block where he now has his business. His parents were Henry and Josephine Meyer Freiburg, the latter a native of Quincy. His father was born in Westphalia, Germany, and was the first member of his family to come to America. He traveled by sailing vessel to New Orleans, and later located at Quincy, where he resumed his trade as shoemaker. He conducted a shop and was active in his work steadily until five days before his death, which occurred June 21, 1917, when he was past eighty-two years of age. His widow is still living at Quincy, where they married. She was born on Hampshire Street between Eighth and Ninth streets, this city, of German parentage. Her mother died here when ninety-six years of age. All the family were active Catholics. Henry and Josephine Freiburg had the following children: Joseph B. C.; Christian, of Quincy; Verona, wife of Joseph Geers, of Quincy; Mary, wife of Barney Brinks, of Quincy; Alphonse, of Quincy; Agnes, wife of Lawrence Wavering, of Quincy; Rose; Ledvina, wife of Joseph Adrian, of Martinsburg, Missouri; and five who are deceased.

Joseph B. C. Freiburg attended the parochial schools until thirteen years of age, when he went into his father's shop and learned the shoemaking trade in every detail. After his father sold that place the son started a shop of his own at 705 Maine Street and conducted it about four years. He then went to Chicago and for nine months was employed in the factory of C. M. Henderson & Company, shoe manufacturers, and subsequently spent about an equal length of time with the factory of John Meyer of St. Louis. On returning to Quincy he and his father engaged in shoe manufacturing for themselves, and continued to expand until they had the largest shoe shop in the city, equipped with modern machinery. In 1910 Mr. Freiburg bought the entire business. He keeps seven skilled workmen at steady employment, and practically all his work is special shoes made to measure and for the particular comfort of the wearer. Mr. Freiburg has the professional knowledge and skill that enables him to treat almost every type of diseased foot or leg from the hip down. He is inventor of a leather leg top for varicose veins. An enthusiast in his work, he gives all his time to advanced study as well as to the closest supervision of his work and the management of his factory.

Mr. Freiburg married, September 25, 1890, Miss Anna B. Blomer, who was born at Quincy and was reared and educated here. She is a sister of Dr. Joseph and John Blomer, elsewhere referred to in this publication. Mr. and Mrs. Freiburg had the following children: Irene, Robert, Raymond, Andrew, Henrietta, Helen, Gerald and Joseph. Only three of them are now living. The daughter Irene lost her life at the age of nine years when the St. Francis School was destroyed by fire. Four of the sons died in early childhood. The



daughter Henrietta is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy and Gem City Business College and is a stenographer and bookkeeper. Helen is a graduate of St. Elizabeth's School in St. Louis. Gerald is a graduate of St. Francis College of Quincy. Mr. Freiburg and family are members of St. Francis Catholic Church. He has never taken a very active part in politics, although being a loyal democrat and as a good citizen demonstrates his willingness to co-operate with others in forwarding movements for the general good. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Western Catholic Union.

**CHRISTIAN BECKER.** A man of good business capacity, industrious and enterprising, Christian Becker, a well-known citizen of Quincy, has accumulated a competency through his own efforts, and is now living retired from business cares, his commodious and modernly constructed home being one of the most attractive in the city. He is a native born citizen, his birth having occurred in Quincy May 9, 1869.

His father, Charles Becker, was born in Germany, and was there educated. Determining in early life to try and seek his fortunes in a newer world, he immigrated to America, the poor man's paradise, settling in Illinois. Taking up his residence in Quincy, he embarked in business as a butcher, and was thus employed until his death, January 2, 1891. He married Margaret Keim, who was also of German birth and breeding, and of the twelve children born of their union but two are now living, Anna, wife of Charles F. Rambrechts, of Quincy, and Christian, the subject of this brief sketch.

Having obtained a good common school education, Christian Becker learned the trade of a butcher while working with his father. Turning his attention to agriculture on land inherited from his father in Missouri, he was there engaged in general farming for sometime. After the death of his father Mr. Becker bought his brother's interest in the butcher shop established by his father, and managed it successfully for a short time. He subsequently ran a sand boat on the river for two years, but has since lived retired from active pursuits, devoting his time to the care of his private affairs. Mr. Becker has valuable farming interests, owning 318 acres of good land in Lewis County, Missouri, from which he receives a good annual income. He has a beautiful home at No. 1435 State Street, Quincy, and on it he and his family delight to entertain their many of Salem Church.

Mr. Becker married in September, 1891, Anna Barbara Boehl, a native of Adams County, Illinois, and they are the parents of four children, namely: Charles M., of Quincy; Lewis M., a student at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado; Edna L.; and Edwin H. Politically Mr. Becker supports the principles of the republican party. Religiously he and his wife are members of Salem church.

**NICHLAS HEINTZ.** A venerable and highly esteemed citizen of Quincy, and one of its leading merchants, Nicholas Heintz has been in truth the architect of his own fortunes, by his untiring energy and the diligent use of his faculties and opportunities having risen from a state of comparative poverty to a position of affluence and influence. He was born May 25, 1839, in Alsace Lorraine, Germany, where he spent the first fifteen years of his life.

His parents, Peter and Mary (Sieren) Heintz, were born, reared and married in Germany. In 1854, accompanied by their three children, they came to the United States and located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they hoped to make a permanent home for themselves and family. That dread disease, cholera, was then raging in that vicinity, and they soon fell victims to the malady, both dying within a week after arriving in that city. They left three children, as follows: Margaret, widow of Nicholas Miller, of Mankato, Minnesota; Annie, deceased; and Nicholas, the subject of this sketch.

While living in his native country Nicholas Heintz acquired a public school education, and while assisting his father on the home farm obtained a good

knowledge of agriculture. Left an orphan in a strange country when still a youth, he began working at the shoemaker's trade in Milwaukee, receiving his board in compensation for his labor. At the end of ten months he went to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he continued at his trade for a year, getting not only his board but \$1 a week for his work; his wages being subsequently somewhat increased, he remained there five years. In 1859 Mr. Heintz came on board a steamer to Quincy, Illinois, in search of a favorable location, having \$17, only, to his name. Entering the employ of Mr. Kettler, he continued at his trade two years, and was afterwards a clerk in the shoe store of C. Brown, Jr., & Company for six years, and proved himself so efficient in that capacity that he was then given an interest in the business, the firm being very desirous of retaining his services, and he remained with the house for eleven years more. In 1878, the partnership being dissolved, Mr. Heintz opened his present establishment on Maine Street, being head of the firm of Heintz & Markley. A year and a half later Mr. Heintz bought Mr. Markley out and admitted to partnership Mr. Bowen, who remained a member of the firm for 4½ years, when the partnership was dissolved, and his four sons were made members of the well known firm of Heintz & Sons. A man of sterling integrity and good business ability, Mr. Heintz has accumulated a fine property in the city, and has been active and prominent in public affairs.

Fifty-four years ago, in 1863, Mr. Heintz married Wilhelmina Einhaus, and in 1913 this worthy couple celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding, receiving the congratulations of hosts of friends. Of the ten children born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Heintz, one has passed to the life beyond and nine are living. Mr. Heintz is independent in politics and takes a great interest in all matters pertaining to the public welfare. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Religiously he and his wife are faithful members of Saint Boniface Church.

**MILTON K. WEEMS.** Among the industries that make Quincy important in the commercial and industrial world there are several that are owned and conducted by Milton K. and Frank H. Weems, these being the Pure Ice Company and the Weems Laundry Company, Milton K. Weems being president of the latter and treasurer of the former.

Milton K. Weems was born near Augusta, Hancock County, Illinois, December 1, 1859. His parents were Jesse E. and Louisa (Kimball) Weems, and his grandparents were Jesse E. and Nancy (Richards) Weems, while his grandfather was the biographer and historian, Rev. Mason Lock Weems, who is credited with relating for the first time the story of George Washington and the cherry tree. This is probably correct, as Dr. Weems was pastor of the church at Mount Vernon and was a personal friend of General Washington. The father of Milton K. Weems is a highly respected resident of Quincy and in former years was identified as a civil engineer with railroad construction in several states. The mother of Mr. Weems survived only into middle age. There were four children in the family, namely: William Lock, who died in 1881; Milton K.; Frank H.; and Mary, who died at the age of nineteen.

In June, 1870, the Weems family came from Clayton to Quincy, where Milton K. was an ambitious, industrious youth and while attending school, he provided partially for his own support by carrying newspapers, which has been the foundation of many a fortune. He proved steady and reliable and found no difficulty in securing a position in the banking house of L. & C. H. Bull, and entered upon his duties there in September, 1877. He was still ambitious, however, and kept seeking an opportunity to go into business for himself and two years later recognized it in a chance to start a first class laundry. Associated with his brother, Frank H. Weems, he secured a small building on Jersey Street and they launched their enterprise on July 4, 1879. Prosperity attended the careful management of the infant industry and within less than a decade the firm found it necessary to greatly expand. They purchased their present site



on Fifth and Jersey streets and erected a commodious building and put in equipments that make it one of the finest in this section.

In 1894 the Pure Ice Company was organized and this too has become an exceedingly important enterprise, with trade connections all over the country, with immense warehouses and refrigerating plant and with adequate railroad facilities.

For some years Milton K. Weems was interested also in Colorado land but subsequently closed out his holdings there and returned to Quincy. Although continuously connected with the enterprises above mentioned, for some ten years Mr. Weems was not active but has again entered the business field and his influence continues as formerly.

Mr. Weems was married September 16, 1885, to Miss Mattie Matthews, who died February 27, 1896. They had one son, Jesse E., who lived but six months. Mr. Weems was married August 3, 1901, to Miss Florence Moore, and they have three children, namely: Elizabeth M., Nancy O., and Mary Virginia Patricia. Mr. Weems has never been very prominent in politics but nevertheless has been an earnest citizen and when matters of principle must be decided definitely, either in public affairs or in business, he is firm and unyielding in support of right. He belongs to the Christian Science Church.

**HENRY HARMON BECK.** At a time when the world is laying extraordinary and unprecedented demands upon the agricultural producers, it is a good augury and promise of results when it is known that some of the agricultural enterprise of Adams County is in the hands of such capable people as Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harmon Beck of Riverside Township. Their industry has enabled them to accumulate a large amount of land in this locality, and how expertly they have managed it from the point of view of production needs no comment to their many friends and neighbors, who have always looked upon Mr. and Mrs. Beck as among the most substantial residents of their locality.

Mr. Beck is a native son of Adams County, and both he and his wife represent old German stock long identified with this part of Illinois. He was born February 26, 1860, third among the two sons and two daughters of August and Anna (Walbrink) Beck. He is now the only survivor of the family. His father was a native of Germany, born in 1827, and died in 1886. When a boy he came to America, and spent the rest of his life in Adams County. Quincy was only a village when he was growing to manhood. He frequently told his children that he might have purchased for a pair of boots the block of land where the Hotel Newcomb now stands. However, he made his ultimate choice of land in Ellington Township, where he bought 112 acres, going in debt heavily. In early years he was a wage earner, working by the month, and his experience and industry enabled him to accumulate a good property, including sixty acres in Riverside Township. He was a republican voter and he and his wife were active members of the Salem Evangelical Church at Quincy. He aided in the erection of this house of worship and he and his wife were members the rest of their lives. He was a man of honor and integrity, and held in high esteem. His wife was also a native of Germany and came to America when a young woman. Both she and her husband made this voyage in an old fashioned sailing vessel. It required about twelve weeks to cross the ocean at that time, whereas now the voyage can be accomplished in five days. One of the monuments in the Green Mount Cemetery mark the last resting place of August and Anna Beck.

Henry H. Beck grew to manhood on his father's farm and was educated in the common schools. He also has a reading knowledge of the German language. His life has been along the lines of agricultural effort and in his business he finds a most capable coadjutor in his good wife.

January 25, 1899, Mr. Beck married Miss Christina Wattman. They are justified in the pride they take in their two sturdy young sons, named William Henry Roy and John H. The former was educated in the common schools and



has a life scholarship in the Gem City Business College. He is now actively associated with his father on the farm. He is a republican and a member of the Ellington Presbyterian Church. The younger son has also completed the work of the common schools and is preparing to take a business college course.

Mrs. Beck was born in Adams County November 23, 1868. She was next to the youngest of ten children, four sons and six daughters, born to John Henry and Anna Louise (Sowerhidie) Wattman. Four of these children are still living, all in Adams County. Mrs. Beck's parents came from the same part of Germany as Mr. Beck's parents. Her father and mother are now deceased and lie in Green Mount Cemetery, where a monument stands sacred to their memory. Mrs. Beck was educated in the common schools. She is a most capable woman in every respect, has excellent business judgment and a large fund of common sense, and has devoted her years since marriage to the making of a home and the rearing of her sons.

When Mr. and Mrs. Beck were married they possessed little cash capital, and their present prosperity is the result of thrift and honest industry kept up through a long period of years. Their present farm in Riverside Township, comprising sixty acres, was bought in 1916. In 1913 they had acquired eighty acres east of their present home and they have another eighty-four acres in Ellington Township. Their sons have become interested in the raising of Shropshire sheep.

In politics Mr. Beck cast his first vote for James A. Garfield and has been steadily identified with the republican party ever since. He and his wife are very active members of the Salem Lutheran Church at Quincy.

**WILLIAM H. PAPE.** Adams County is a many sided industrial community, and its long continued prosperity is doubtless due to this very fact that the people have not depended primarily upon one pre-eminent line of manufacturing but upon a varied assortment of substantial mills and factories that in the aggregate have known few periods of depression and have furnished opportunity for all the working energies at hand. Keeping pace steadily with the growth and development of other modern factories has been the milling of grain products. Quincy is today one of the important centers of grain milling in the Mississippi Valley and one of the best known and oldest of these mills is the Acme Roller Mills, of which the firm of Pape & Loos are proprietors.

Probably no one family name has been longer associated with milling in Adams County than that of Pape. The pioneer representative of the name in the local milling industry was the late Frederick Pape, who was born in Hanover, Germany, August 24, 1820. He came of good family stock and was reared and educated in his native country. At the age of sixteen he began an apprenticeship to the miller's trade, and in 1847 he immigrated to America, crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel seven weeks over from Bremen to New York. As a miller he followed his trade up and down the Mississippi River at Quincy, Keokuk, Dubuque and other places. After about two years he located at Payson in Adams County, and bought what was known as the Payson windmill. It was a grist mill, operated with an old fashioned wind power. He paid \$500 for this rather crude institution, and conducted it until about 1864, when he sold it and its improvements for \$3,000. In June, 1864, he bought the Melrose Mills in section 28, Melrose Township, remodeled the property, and continued its operation until his death on October 3, 1895. The Melrose Mills under his management became noted for the high quality of their flour products. Frederick Pape was a man of distinction in the county, bore the reputation of being an honest miller and an honest man, was highly skilled in his special trade, was a democrat in politics and a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. In 1851 he married at Payson Miss Margaret Acton, who was born in Scotland in April, 1826, and died at Payson, Illinois, July 14, 1862. She came to the United States when a young woman. She was the mother of five children, Herman

dying at the age of four years and Fred, Jr., as an infant. The daughter Jane married a Mr. Pohl, a native of Adams County of German parentage, and after their marriage they moved to Kansas, where she died and where her husband still lives. She was the mother of eight children. Emma died in Melrose Township at the birth of the last of her four sons and four daughters. William H. Pape is the oldest of the living children. On June 5, 1878, the late Frederick Pape married for his second wife Mrs. Jennet Palmer, widow of John Palmer. She was born in Scotland May 1, 1828.

Mr. William H. Pape was born at Payson in Adams County, August 15, 1857. He was about seven years old when his father moved to Melrose Township and bought the Melrose Mills. After getting his education in the local schools he learned the trade of miller under his father and became his father's active assistant. They were partners until the death of Frederick Pape in 1895 and Mr. Pape then continued the operation of the old mill until April, 1897, when he moved to Quincy and took over the Acme Mills. At that time Charles Loos was admitted to partnership as junior member of the firm of Pape & Loos. The Acme Mills have been in operation at Quincy since 1897, and in the past twenty years the business has grown until it is no longer a merely local enterprise. They manufacture a large and varied line of cereal products, handle grain, and their package and bulk products are flours and meals made of wheat, rye, buckwheat, entire wheat, graham flour, cornmeal, etc. Mr. Pape also does a large business as a dealer in Kansas and northern hard wheat flour, hay, straw, corn, oats, clover seed and stoneware. The Acme Mills have a capacity of 100 barrels per day and they have all the special machinery required for grinding their specialty products.

For a number of years the power has been electricity. The firm employs from twenty to twenty-five men, and under war conditions it is probable that the business will increase in importance rather than diminish. Mr. Loos has charge of the sales and collections, while Mr. Pape is the practical and expert miller and administrator of the general management and the manufacturing end.

December 4, 1881, Mr. Pape married Miss Emma Reeder, who was born in Melrose Township, daughter of Addison and Lusetta (Frasier) Reeder. The Reeders are a prominent old family of Adams County, having come here about eighty years ago. Her parents married in Ursa Township, and subsequently had a farm in Melrose Township. In 1881 they went west to Kansas, and spent their last years in Missouri. Mrs. Pape's mother died at the age of eighty-two. The Reeders were Methodists, while the Papes were Lutherans in religion. Mr. and Mrs. Pape are the parents of four children. Jessie, born in Melrose Township and educated in the rural schools and the public schools of Quincy, including a business college education, is now the wife of Mr. Christian Mast of Melrose Township. They live in Quincy and have two sons, Frederick and Harry, the former now in school. Laura A., the second child, also a native of Melrose Township, completed her education at Quincy and was a teacher in Melrose until her marriage to Moses Crocker, a native of Adams County and a business man of Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Crocker have one daughter, Dorothy L., attending school. Archie L., born in 1890, was reared and educated in Quincy and acquired a thorough knowledge of the trade of millwright. In July, 1917, he enlisted in the American Expeditionary Forces, landing in France in December of the same year, and is now a sergeant in the Aviation Corps. Frederick Addison, the youngest child, was born March 9, 1895, is a graduate of the Gem City Business College and for several years has been assistant bookkeeper in his father's mill. The head bookkeeper of this establishment is Mr. George Kelker, who married a niece of Mr. Pape. Mr. Kelker has been for twenty years in charge of the company's books. Politically Mr. Pape is a democrat, and though not an office seeker has served as a member of the local Food Commission. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church.



C. ARTHUR FIFER is probably as widely known as any other Quincy citizen. At home his chief business is as secretary of the Quincy Show Case Company, of which his brother William A. Fifer is vice president, and an industry of great importance and long standing founded by their father over forty years ago. Other particulars concerning the business will be found on other pages of this publication.

C. Arthur Fifer is also president of the C. Arthur Fifer Music Publishing House of Quincy and New York City. Mr. Fifer organized this music company in 1916. It has been chiefly the medium for publication of some of his own popular songs. Mr. Fifer is known as author of "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep," "We're Going Over," "Wait for Your Honey Boy," and other songs, the words and music of which have stirred the pulses of millions within the last two or three years.

Mr. Fifer was born at Quincy September 20, 1884. He was educated in the local grammar schools, the high school, and attended Dartmouth College. He is a member of the Beta Theta Pi College Fraternity. After school he worked in Boston and Chicago with the Western Electric Company for about two years. Then returning to Quincy he took his father's place in the office of the Show Case Company, and has been steadily with that business now for the past eleven years.

Mr. Fifer married March 30, 1912, Mrs. Susan (Warfield) Tibbets, widow of C. J. Tibbets. She has one son, Capt. Paul W. Tibbets, who is with the Thirty-Third Division in France. Mr. Fifer is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. He is a member of the Quincy Country Club, the Rotary Club.

AUGUST R. DICK. An eminently capable and prosperous business man of Quincy, August R. Dick, president of the enterprising firm of Dick Brothers, is actively identified with the manufacturing interests of Adams County, the company of which he is at the head having one of the most extensive and finest equipped brewing plants in the county. A native of Quincy, he was born October 14, 1873, of German ancestry.

Jacob Dick, his father, immigrated when young from Germany to the United States. Locating in Saint Clair County, Illinois, he lived for a time in Belleville, from there coming to Quincy. With two of his brothers, John Dick and Mathew Dick, he embarked in the brewing and milling industry, establishing the original firm of Dick Brothers, of which he was a member until his death in 1876. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Redmond, was born in Quincy, where she is still a resident. She bore him six children, namely: Anna, wife of J. B. Ellis, of Quincy; Catherine, deceased; August R., the subject of this sketch; and Thomas, Julia and Jacob, all of whom died in infancy.

August R. Dick was educated in Saint Francis' College, and subsequently learned the brewing and milling trade under his uncle's wise supervision. In 1902 he became secretary in the old firm of Dick Brothers, and subsequently, after the death of the two remaining members of the firm, the present firm of Dick Brothers was established, its members consisting of one son of each of the former members of the organization. The new firm sold the milling plant and has since confined its activities to the brewing business, which it carries on successfully, its large plant covering one whole block and being amply furnished with buildings for all departments, including a brewery, ice house, bottling house and warehouse. As president of the company, Mr. Dick is devoting his time and energies to the development and advancement of its interests, and is widely recognized as a practical and successful business man.

GEORGE WILLIAM MENKE. In the building material line few firms at Quincy have made more substantial progress than the F. W. Menke Stone & Lime Company, of which George William Menke is president. It was founded many years ago by his father and on such a sound basis that it has continued to expand

until its plant covers a wide area at Quincy and has the best of transportation facilities. George William Menke became president of the concern on the death of his father, having previously been secretary, and has been identified with the business all his active life.

George William Menke was born at Quincy, November 6, 1858. His parents were Frederick W. and Louisa (Wulfmeyer) Menke, both of whom were born in Germany, the father on August 12, 1832, and twenty years later he came to the United States and by way of New Orleans and the Mississippi River reached his objective point, Quincy, Illinois. This city remained his chosen home during the rest of a busy and useful life. He became a leading factor in the stone industry and for many years was the contractor entrusted with the construction of numerous public buildings as well as private residences not only at Quincy but in neighboring cities. He became a man of importance also in local politics and in 1899 was urged to become the republican candidate for mayor. He served in numerous offices of trust and responsibility and his appointment as one of the commissioners of the insane asylum at Peoria, in 1897, was very generally commended because of his high personal character. In 1855 he was married to Louisa Wulfmeyer, who died at Quincy June 28, 1916, and the following children were born to them: Amelia, who is the widow of Frank Hagenbruch, of Los Angeles, California; George W., Edward H. and John H., all of Quincy; Annie, who is the wife of Edward Ruff, of Quincy; Frederick C.; and Benjamin, who died in infancy.

George William Menke attended the public schools and then took a commercial course in the Gem City Business College, following which he began to assist his father and has continued in the stone and lime business ever since. Inheriting business tendencies, he has developed his talents and is now numbered with the sound, reliable, judicious men of business here.

Mr. Menke was married in November, 1884, to Miss Sophia H. Brehm, who was born at Warsaw, Illinois. They have three children, two sons and one daughter, namely: Edgar; Helen, who is the wife of William Rupp, Jr.; and Ralph B., all of whom were educated here and still reside at Quincy. The family attends the Congregational Church. Politically Mr. Menke is a republican and fraternally is a Mason. He has never accepted any public office but every moment that promises to be beneficial to the city may be sure of his interest and, if his judgment approves, of his hearty support.

JOSEPH J. MICHAEL. The prominent, progressive and useful citizens of Quincy have no more worthy representative than Joseph J. Michael, who, though now practically retired from active pursuits, is officially and financially connected with many of the leading business organizations of city, and is ever a generous contributor to projects tending toward the betterment of the community. A native of Quincy, his birth occurred March 25, 1856.

Herman H. Michael, Mr. Michael's father, was born in Hanover, Germany, and as a child was brought by his parents to America. Brought up in Cincinnati, Ohio, he served an apprenticeship at the cooper's trade, which he afterwards followed for a time in Chicago. Coming from there to Quincy about 1852, he continued as a cooper until the introduction of machinery for making barrels, when he retired from business. He continued his residence in Quincy, however, until his death, November 8, 1909. He married Bernardine Klathe, who was born in Oldenburg, Germany, and died, May 14, 1917, in Quincy. Nine children blessed their marriage, as follows: Joseph J.; Anna, wife of Fred Ruten, of Quincy; John B., whose death occurred October 18, 1915; Elizabeth, living in Quincy; Rev. William Michael, pastor of a church at Carlinville, Illinois; Henry H., of Quincy; Mrs. Katherine Brinks, of Quincy; and Frank and Edward, who died in infancy.

Wishing to partly pay his way through college, Joseph J. Michael worked when he had leisure, being employed during the summer of 1868 in his father's cooper shop. During the summer of 1869 he worked for Flachs & Reiman in





*Joe J. Michael*





their soap factory on Cherry Lane, and during 1870 was employed as gardener in Henry Bull's greenhouse. Taking up brick laying, Mr. Michael served an apprenticeship of three years, from 1871 to 1874, and as journeyman from 1874 to 1877, during which time he helped build church and college buildings in Carthage, Illinois. While employed as a journeyman worker he lived as best he could, sleeping many times in hay mows when in the country. For several years during the winter months of his journeyman'ship as bricklayer he worked in the pork-packing establishment of Vanden Boom & Blomer in all its various departments. During the year 1877 Mr. Michael was shipping clerk in Bonnet Duffy & Company's Stove Foundry, and the following year began work as a building contractor, during the years 1878 to 1881 erecting many buildings in this city and in Creston, Iowa. He next entered the office of the pork-packing firm of Vanden Boom & Blomer for one year. From 1882 to 1913 he was engaged in business as meat packer, being junior member of the firm Blomer, Wolf & Michael, the plant being located on Front Street between Washington and Payson Avenue. At the end of eight years Mr. Wolf retired and the business was continued under the name of Blomer & Michael until January 10, 1899, when they applied for incorporation papers under the name of Blomer & Michael Co. On February 14, 1913, their packing plant was destroyed by fire and not rebuilt. Since that time Mr. Michael has lived retired, devoting his time and attention to his private affairs. He resides at his attractive home at 1535 Broadway, which he built in 1892.

Mr. Michael is vice president of the Mercantile Trust and Savings Bank, director of the Broadway Bank; president of the Michaelman Steel Construction Company; a stockholder in the Ricker National Bank, secretary of the Quincy Grocery Company and director of the Germania Publishing Company.

Mr. Michael has been twice married. He married first Katherine Altmix. She died June 5, 1896, in early womanhood. She was the mother of six children, namely: Joseph, deceased; Hubert J., with Swift & Company of East St. Louis; Clara, with the Mercantile Trust & Savings Bank, Quincy, Illinois; Roman W., in the Navy; Gertrude, a graduate of the Loyola University School of Sociology, holds a position as social service worker with the Lincoln Dispensary connected with the Chicago School of Medicine and Surgery, Chicago; and Paul, deceased. Mr. Michael married second, June 24, 1897, Elizabeth Tushaus, a native of Quincy, and of their union five children have been born, namely: Genevieve, a son Edward who died in infancy, Pauline, Henrietta and Josephine. Religiously Mr. Michael is an active and valued member of St. Francis Church, and prominent in its affairs. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Western Catholic Union, St. Francis Men's Society, St. Mary's Hospital Ambulance Society and St. Aloysious Orphan Society, Administration Board. Mr. Michael has been in poor health for the past six years. Only recently, by taking an X ray of his viscera the nature of his ailment was discovered and he is now convalescing.

**HERMAN H. HENHOFF.** The kind of public spirit which constantly plans for the community welfare and is prodigal of personal time, means and energy in getting the plans carried out are characteristics of Herman H. Henhoff's citizenship in Adams County. Mr. Henhoff is one of the most successful farmers, fruit growers and gardeners in the vicinity of Quincy, but the successful management of his enterprises has also been accompanied by a constant readiness to leave his own interests and work heart and soul for something he thought his township or community ought to have. It is the manifestation of that spirit which makes him so valuable in his present office as supervisor of Riverside Township.

Mr. Henhoff is one of the native sons of Adams County, and was born here February 19, 1866. His parents were Frederick and Anna (Tappe) Henhoff. His father was brought when a child from his native Germany and the Henhoff

family sought as their new home in the new world Adams County. Here he grew to manhood, being educated both in the English and German languages. He was a successful farmer and gardener and a member of the German Lutheran Church, as was his wife. In politics he voted as a republican. When he left home to earn his own way his first wages were 25 cents a day. He sacrificed comfort, economized, worked early and late and subsequently accumulated a fine farm of 160 acres in Ellington Township. He was a man of honor and respected by all. He and his wife are now at rest in the Green Mount Cemetery, where a family monument marks their resting place. His wife was also born in Germany. She made herself known not only through her family but to a large community as a kind and affectionate mother and ever ready to help the poor and needy. They were the parents of nine children, four sons and five daughters, seven of whom are living and all residents of Adams County except a daughter, Mattie, wife of Frank More, who resides at Springfield, Illinois.

Herman H. Henhoff was reared on his father's farm and as a boy acquired a practical knowledge of field and garden culture and fruit growing, which has been his own chief industry in life. After the common school he attended Normal School at Wilmot, Iowa.

March 13, 1895, Mr. Henhoff married Miss Laura R. E. Bredeweg. Three children were born to their union, two sons and one daughter. Two are still living. Raymond G. is actively associated with his father in gardening and fruit growing. He is a republican and a member of the Lutheran Memorial Church at Quincy. The daughter, Mabel, was educated in the common schools and one term in the Quincy High School, and is still at home. She is a member of the Lutheran Memorial Church.

Mrs. Henhoff was born in Adams County February 4, 1872, daughter of Garrett and Minnie (Stieghorst) Bredeweg. She was one of eight children and all are living in Adams County except Anna, wife of F. W. Schulte, now a retired resident at St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Henhoff's mother was from Bildorf, Germany, and her father came from one of the provinces of Holland, and both are now deceased. They crossed the Atlantic in the days of sailing vessels and were from eight to eleven weeks on the voyage. Mrs. Henhoff was educated in the common schools of Adams County and has been indefatigable in all her duties as a home maker and as a member of her social community.

Mr. Henhoff cast his first presidential vote for Benjamin Harrison and has always been a staunch supporter of republican principles. He has been selected as a delegate to county conventions, and has long been recognized as a valuable man to his party. For three terms, nine years, he served as highway commissioner. A great deal was done during that time to forward the work of good road building and maintenance, and whether officially or as a private citizen Mr. Henhoff has been a steady advocate of good country highways. He also served three years as a school trustee. In 1918 he was re-elected to the office of township supervisor, and has used his influence in that office to promote many progressive improvements. Under his administration the fine concrete bridge on Fifth Street was built at a cost of \$2,280.

Mr. and Mrs. Henhoff are members of the Lutheran Memorial Church at Quincy. Their beautiful farm is just a mile from the city limits of Quincy. It comprises twenty acres, a large part of which is devoted to the growing of fruits and intensive cultivation of crops. It is well named Maple Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Henhoff have also worked hard, have earned the comforts and luxuries of life, and have made a wise use of their means. They are both fond of travel and in 1909 accompanied by their children they toured the country to the Pacific Coast, visiting the cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Salt Lake City, also Berkeley and Oakland and Catalina Island. This was a journey which gives them constant pleasure of recollection.

WILLIAM ALANSON EDWARDS. Prominently engaged in farming, one of the most enterprising and progressive men of Riverside Township, well educated



and still eager to increase his fund of practical general information, earnestly interested in the public affairs of his township and county, William Alanson Edwards has exemplified during his life many of the best, the most admirable and most useful traits of character and attributes of citizenship.

He was born in Adams County March 6, 1865. His father, Paul Edwards, was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, February 12, 1820, and was very young when his parents brought him to Adams County, Illinois. This county was then only a few years distant from its frontier conditions. He grew up here in pioneer environment, was educated in the common schools, for a number of years was in the wood business and his first landed estate comprised sixty acres in what is now Riverside Township. His home there was a four-room brick building. Quincy nearby was a small village. He lived a life of strenuous activity and yet attained an age which made him at the time of his death, on January 19, 1912, one of the very oldest men in the county. He was almost ninety-two when he passed away. He began voting as a whig and later was a staunch republican, though he had no interest in politics for the sake of office holding. He proved a staunch friend to the public schools. He married Mary Ellen Platt, who was born in Ohio. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Quincy. Both parents are now at rest in the Woodland Cemetery, where a monument marks the spot. Of their seven children, the only son was William Alanson. Four of his sisters are living and all residents of Adams County.

William A. Edwards grew up on the home farm in Adams County, and since leaving school has given his primary attention to fruit growing and general farming.

On November 1, 1892, he married Miss Anna B. Summers. To their marriage were born seven children, two sons and five daughters, all but one of them still living. Bessie L., Edna P., Eva V., Paul Richard, Letha and Stanley Roy comprise their names. Bessie is the wife of Raymond Kircher, an agriculturist living in Ellington Township. Mr. Kircher is a Catholic. Edna and Eva have both completed their education in the common schools.

Mrs. Edwards was born in Adams County December 6, 1867, being the seventh of ten children, four sons and six daughters, both to Richard and Louisa (Triplett) Summers. Eight of these children are still living, four residents in Adams County. Her sister Alice lives at San Jose, California, wife of Thomas J. Streeter, and she is the mother of two children; Cornelia, also living at San Jose, is the wife of Ebenezer Stowe, a commercial traveler; Isaac R. is foreman on electric lines and lives near East St. Louis, and has one son who is fighting with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, while another is in Washington, D. C. Charles A. Summers is an agriculturist and stock raiser at Bowling Green, Missouri, and has three children.

Richard Summers, father of Mrs. Edwards, had his home in Illinois from the age of fifteen. He owned land both in Melrose and Ellington townships. He acquired property in the latter in 1850 in what is now Riverside Township. He was born in 1818 and died in 1889, aged seventy-one. Politically he was a republican. His wife was a native of Pike County, Illinois, but grew up in Adams County. She was born January 1, 1832, and died in April, 1894. Both are now at rest in Woodland Cemetery.

Mrs. Edwards was educated in the common schools and at Chaddock College at Quincy one year. She has always had a keen intellectual interest not only in her home but in affairs about her. Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have worked together and cooperated in the establishment of their beautiful home and the rearing of their children. Politically Mr. Edwards is a republican, having cast his first presidential vote for James G. Blaine. He has served as school trustee and tax collector. Both he and his wife are members of the Ellington Presbyterian Church and he is one of the official members. Mrs. Edwards is a member of the Woman's Home Improvement Association and of the Red Cross. Mr. Edwards as one of the leading fruit growers is a member of the Adams County Farmers Improvement Association. Their beau-



tiful farm, known as Maplehurst, lies two miles north of the city of Quincy, and it is a home in every sense of the word as well as a center of industry. They have a modern country residence, heated by furnace, lighted with acetylene plant, have telephone, rural route delivery, and a touring car, thus combining the advantages of the country with those of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards are people of cultivated minds and tastes, one evidence of which is a handsome collection of books constituting a library of about 300 volumes.

SELDON G. EAREL has lived in Adams County eighty years, was a pupil in some of the old time subscription schools, and is not only one of the oldest residents but for many years one of the most industrious citizens of the county. He proved capable in the management of his business affairs as a farmer, and has made his prosperity of value not only to his family but to the community. Mr. and Mrs. Earel are among the oldest married couples in the county, having lived together as man and wife for over sixty years. Mrs. Earel is a native of this county, and the recollections of both perhaps travel back as far as those of any other living citizens.

Mr. Earel was born near Athens, Ohio, November 22, 1836. His birth occurred only four years after the Black Hawk Indian war. He was a soldier in the Civil war and the family has a notable military record. Grandfather James Earel was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, being a soldier under General Lafayette. His service entitles any of Mr. Earel's children to membership in the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. James Earel, Jr., father of Seldon G., was a native of Maryland, was reared there and served as a soldier in the War of 1812. For that service a grant of land was given him by the Government, located in Missouri. He was educated in the primitive schools of his day. After his marriage he brought his family to Adams County in 1838. He was one of the homesteaders of that period, acquiring eighty acres in Columbus Township. His first home there was a log cabin. James Earel, Jr., also served in the Mormon war and during this duty was at Nauvoo, where the Mormons had the center of their colony and started the erection of their temple. James Earel, due to exposure, contracted a cold or pneumonia and died in 1846. His wife, who was a native of Virginia, where she married, died in 1885. Both were members of the Baptist Church, and both are now at rest in graves on the old farm, where a monument marks their resting place. They were the parents of ten children, four sons and six daughters. Of these Seldon G. Earel was the eighth in order of birth and the only one now living.

Mr. Earel was two years old when his parents came to Adams County. Eighty years ago the county was just beginning its development. When the family came there were 500 Indians camped at West Quincy at different times, who came here to do their trading. The woods were full of deer, wolves and wild turkey, and Quincy, now a city of forty thousand, was only a village. Both Mr. and Mrs. Earel as children attended the old log cabin schools. They sat on the split log benches, received light for their studies from one long window at an end of the building, while at another end was a large fire place. They used the goose quill pen to write their copies, and one of the text books they especially remember was Webster's blue back speller.

Growing up in a pioneer environment, Mr. Earel naturally had the experiences and the occupations of the frontier. Many days he exerted his strength in the woods mauling rails at wages of 50 cents a day. The first land he bought was 160 acres covered with heavy timber in Columbus Township on McKee's Creek. He went in debt for that land, and he and his wife moved all their household goods in a wagon drawn by two horses. It was a cabin home with a clapboard roof, fireplace, with trundle beds for the children, and at night they had a dim light made from a wick of twisted rags with one end in a saucer of grease.

On Christmas day, December 25, 1856, occurred the marriage of Mr. Earel and Miss Hannah M. Sammons, which was one of the interesting events of the community. Mrs. Earel was born in Columbus Township of Adams County

October 10, 1838. Her parents were Isaac and Susan (Spence) Sammons. Both parents were natives of Virginia, her father born in Greenbrier County. He was a farmer and died at his daughter's home in Adams County in 1893. Both are now at rest in Columbus Township. Mrs. Earel was one of ten children, all daughters but one. Her sister Abbie lives in Idaho, wife of Henry Johnson, a farmer. Her sister Laura Melvina is the widow of Mr. Belsford, a former judge of the County Court in Missouri. Emma is the widow of John Curry and lives in Harrisonville, Missouri. Olive is the widow of Theodore Seatheringill and lives in Chicago.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Earel were born six children, four sons and two daughters. Four of them are still living. Isaac J. is a successful farmer in Burton Township and is a republican in politics. He married Miss Mollie W. Bredeweg and their two children are Rolla G. and Irma I. The daughter Mary A. is the wife of Dr. J. F. Cooper, of Hannibal, Missouri. Dr. Cooper has been a prominent citizen of Hannibal, is a physician, a democrat in politics, and was with the American army as captain in the medical service in France. Arlie M. is a successful real estate man in Quincy. He married Miss Ethel Chapman, and they have a daughter, Trula. His wife and daughter are members of the Methodist Church. Sala C., the youngest of the family, was educated in the common schools and is a practical farmer in Riverside Township. He married Miss Edith Rood, and they have two children, Stanley and Velma. They are members of the Christian Church.

From the pursuits and occupations of his married life Mr. Earel was called away by patriotic duty when he enlisted in 1862 in Company F of the Seventy-eighth Illinois Infantry. This regiment became a part of General Buell's command, and as second lieutenant he was with his regiment in some of the hard fought and strenuous campaigns until on account of illness he was granted his honorable discharge. One of the mementoes of the service he still preserves, a bomb shell which he picked up on the battlefield.

In 1875 Mr. and Mrs. Earel moved to Riverside Township. Here they erected a large brick residence which is one of the landmarks of that township and has been their home and center of family associations for over forty years. A number of other buildings and improvements stand as evidence of his intelligent management as a farmer. Their home estate at present comprises twenty-five acres, devoted to the culture of fruit. They also own 200 acres in Ursa Township, and recently sold a 160-acre farm in Burton Township for \$12,000. Fifty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Earel were struggling to get a start, were living with the utmost thrift and economy, and all of this has borne fruit and given them an ample competence for their needs and at the same time they have reared a splendid family of children. Mrs. Earel has been the standby of her husband in good times and bad, and Adams County presents no more beautiful illustration of the enduring ties that knit man and woman together in the long journey of life.

In politics Mr. Earel has been a democrat practically from the formation of that party, though in local affairs he frequently supports the man rather than the party. He has done much in behalf of his home community and county. For twenty years he served as a member of the Board of Supervisors, and in 1875 was elected county treasurer, and also filled other offices in Columbus Township. He has been a steadfast friend and supporter of the public schools for many years. Both he and his wife are rigid adherents of the temperance cause. He has filled all the chairs in the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Crown Point, and is also a member of the Encampment. Mr. Earel has always been interested in archaeological remains and has collected many specimens from the old Indian mounds along the Mississippi Valley. Most of his collections were made when he had charge of the river levee. In the Earel home is also one of the few spinning wheels still found in Adams County. This spinning wheel was used by Mr. Earel's mother more than a century ago. Mr. and Mrs. Earel have used their means to put them in touch with the great outside



world and have traveled extensively, and among other trips they made in 1903 a long journey of 8,000 miles over the West, including visits to the cities of Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Pasadena, Tacoma, Portland and Seattle. Mr. and Mrs. Earel celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in 1881, and in 1906 their home was the scene of a brilliant and happy gathering of 200 guests to honor them on the golden anniversary of their wedding. The Earel home is a place of comfort and solid prosperity and is also notable for the fine flavor of hospitality of the southern type which has prevailed there not only in years of prosperity but in earlier times when hospitality meant something of a sacrifice.

**JOSEPH W. IRELAND.** Well skilled both by training and by experience in the art and science of healing the various diseases to which domestic animals are heir to, Joseph W. Ireland, of Quincy, has gained distinction in his profession and won a place of prominence among the leading veterinary surgeons of Adams County. A native of Canada, he was born August 15, 1861, on a farm in King Township.

Samuel Ireland, his father, emigrated from England to America, and for a time lived in Champlain, Clinton County, New York. Crossing the Canadian line, he bought land in King Township, cleared and improved a farm, and was there a resident until his death, at the venerable age of ninety-three years. His wife, whose maiden name was Caroline Hill, was born in England, and died on the home farm at the age of eighty-three years. They reared a family of five sons and four daughters, Joseph W. being the seventh child in succession of birth.

Having laid a substantial foundation for his future education in the public schools, Joseph W. Ireland entered in the fall of 1882, the Toronto Veterinary College, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1885. Coming then to Illinois, Doctor Ireland began the practice of his profession at Belvidere, remaining there three years. The following year he spent on the road, practising veterinary surgery and dentistry. On July 7, 1889, the Doctor located in Quincy, and having erected at 1033-35 Maine Street a commodious brick building has since been prosperously engaged both as a liveryman and as a veterinary, in both lines of business being successful. He has other interests, being president of the Bankers and Farmers Loan and Trust Company, an organization formed for the purpose of writing insurance on live stock.

On June 29, 1896, Doctor Ireland was united in marriage with Ida A. Root, a native of Quincy. Three children have blessed their union, namely: Joseph, who died in infancy; Robert, a graduate of the Quincy High School, is now attending the College of Mines at Golden, Colorado; and Enid, a graduate of the Quincy High School, and now a student at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois. Politically the Doctor is independent, voting for the best men and measures without regard to party affiliations.

**WILLIAM R. GELSTON.** There is no public utility of Quincy which comes closer to the life and daily needs of the people than the city waterworks plant. It is therefore a position of unusual responsibility which William R. Gelston holds as superintendent of the waterworks. That has been his relationship with the city continuously since January 1, 1907, and his competent services have been retained by reappointment through every board of waterworks commissioners. Mr. Henry C. Sprick, the treasurer of that board, has been a member continuously since Mr. Gelston became superintendent of the plant. The president of the board is W. J. Singleton, and the secretary is Mr. John Ingram.

Mr. Gelston is a civil engineer of wide experience and has had many responsibilities of oversight and supervision in connection with the construction of the modern waterworks system which Quincy now refers to with pride. The pumping station and the filtering plant were both constructed since Mr. Gelston became superintendent. This filtering plant has a capacity of 6,000,000 gallons every twenty-four hours. The two plants are operated with engines of 450



horse power, and the water is carefully analyzed every day so as to insure its purity. Through the perfect system of filtering used fully 99 per cent of all impurities are removed before the water enters the mains of domestic supply. The present pumping plant was constructed in 1910 and the filtering plant in 1914. This filtering plant was constructed on a solid foundation after 3,000 cubic yards of stone had been removed, the plant proper and the upper works being made of solid concrete. This filtering plant stands on a lot 89x172 feet.

Mr. Gelston is a western man by birth and early training, and for eight years was a civil engineer with the Burlington Railroad before he accepted his present position at Quincy. He was born near Omaha, Nebraska, January 1, 1868, a very short time after Nebraska was admitted to the Union. A brother and sister were born when Nebraska was still a territory. His father, George W. Gelston, was a famous old timer of Iowa and Nebraska, and one of the old stage coach drivers of pioneer days. He was a native of Connecticut, a typical Yankee in many respects, and coming west identified himself with Iowa territory, where he used his skill as a driver of stage coaches to what was then the western boundaries of civilization, the Missouri River. Later he went into Nebraska and continued his vocation until it was superseded and rendered obsolete by the advent of railway transportation. Frequently he was driver of stage coaches over vast areas in which Indians were more numerous than white settlers, and he was exposed to all the risks and hazards of an occupation which has been celebrated in all accounts of western life. When he retired from his position as a driver he located on a farm twenty miles from Omaha, and lived there until his death at the age of sixty-seven. He was personally acquainted with many of the noted frontiersmen and pioneer characters of the Middle West. He married in Nebraska Mary Wilkening, who was born in Germany but was brought as a child to the United States. Her family lived for about a year at Quincy and then moved to Nebraska. She is still living at the age of seventy-five, retains all her faculties unimpaired, and has had her home on the old farm in Douglas County, Nebraska, for fifty-five years. She was the mother of a large family of two daughters and seven sons, all of whom are still living, the youngest being thirty-five years old. All but two are married. William R. Gelston has a brother, Edward, who has achieved success as an electrical engineer and is now at Oakland, California, connected with the Southern Pacific Railway.

William R. Gelston grew up in his native county, attending school there, and in 1894 graduated from Grinnell College in Iowa. Since then he has practiced his profession as a civil engineer, and as already stated, was for eight years connected with the engineering department of the Burlington Railway. He was assigned tasks all along that great system, and had many interesting experiences in the western states and territories. All of his experience well qualified him for the responsibilities he enjoys and the service he renders the people and the City of Quincy. In 1916, on the score of his experience and attainments, Mr. Gelston was elected a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and is also a member of the Illinois Engineers Association, the American Waterworks Association, and the New England Waterworks Association, and has attended many of the conventions of these professional bodies and participated in their proceedings.

Mr. Gelston married at Homan, Arkansas, Miss Elizabeth Chavey. She was born in Indiana, but from the age of ten years lived in the State of Arkansas. She was paying a visit to a sister in Omaha when she met Mr. Gelston. Mr. and Mrs. Gelston have one son, W. Richard, born in 1909 and now attending the public schools of Quincy. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church and in national politics Mr. Gelston votes as a democrat.

GEORGE H. MOYER is a Quincy business man whose hard working industry and genial manners have won him a host of friends, not only in the strict lines of his business relationships but among all classes of citizens.

As a boy he learned the trade of harness maker, and that has been his regular business in Quincy for over twenty-five years. He has a large and well equipped shop at 1205 Broadway, and manufactures and handles a large volume of leather and harness goods.

His first location on starting business for himself September 1, 1890, was an old land mark known as the Prairie House, at the corner of Twelfth and Broadway. It was the oldest building in that section of the city. Mr. Moyer had his shop there for six years before the building was torn down and was therefore its last occupant. The Prairie House in its time had a rather checkered history, and at one time was an old fashioned tavern, saloon and dance hall run very much on the plan of resorts in western mining or ranching towns. On leaving that location Mr. Moyer moved his shop across the street and established the plant where he has now been located for over twenty years.

Mr. Moyer was born in Missouri September 13, 1866, son of Henry and Sarah (Levan) Moyer, both natives of Pennsylvania, where they were married, subsequently coming west to Missouri and finally locating at Keokuk, Iowa. Mr. Moyer is of an old Pennsylvania family. The Moyers were originally French Huguenots, and lived in Holland before coming to Pennsylvania. His ancestors were in Pennsylvania prior to the Revolutionary war. His mother's parents came west to Missouri with a colony of settlers and spent their lives in that state.

George H. Moyer had very limited educational advantages. He learned the trade of harness maker, and in 1880 came to Quincy and worked at his trade until he set up in business for himself ten years later. When he started his shop he had only \$25 capital, but had a large number of good friends who were willing in every way to help him. Mr. Moyer got his real education outside of school, and by practical experience and by constant reading of good books and papers. He is thoroughly posted on all current affairs and discusses many matters outside the ordinary interests of men.

Mr. Moyer married in Melrose Township of Adams County Elizabeth Barry. She was born in that township in 1864, and still owns the old farm where she was born. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer have one son, Edmund Milton, born January 6, 1903. He is now a pupil in the Quincy city schools. Mrs. Moyer is member of St. Peter's Catholic church. Mr. Moyer is affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce.

**WILLIAM F. BERGHOFER.** Few cities anywhere have a more varied line of manufactures and industries than Quincy. It is an important center for the manufacture and distribution of poultry supplies of different kinds, including incubators, and one of the principal firms helping to swell the volume of the city's business in this respect is that of Berghofer, Mitchell & Company, who have a large plant and turn out a big annual aggregate of sheet metal work, the Marvel Stove Range, fruit canning devices, and incubators, feed and watering troughs and other poultry supplies, some of which have a widely attested popularity and are the direct invention of Mr. Berghofer, head of the company.

Mr. Berghofer is a veteran in the sheet metal and general hardware and tin-smith industry. He was born at Palmyra, Missouri, November 8, 1848, son of Henry and Henrietta (Schaler) Berghofer. Both parents were born in Prussia, and on coming to the United States about 1845 located at LaGrange, Missouri, and later at Palmyra, where they spent their last years. The father died at the age of eighty-seven and the mother at eighty-one. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Their four sons and two daughters all grew up, one daughter dying unmarried at the age of thirty. These children were: William F.; Henry, of Quincy; Mary, wife of Doctor Bremmer, of Ashton, Illinois; Catherine, deceased; Jacob, of Palmyra; and Edward, of Florida.

William F. Berghofer grew up at Palmyra, and until he was twelve years of age attended a pay school. At the age of sixteen he left home and came to Quincy and learned the trade of tinsmith under H. C. Dasbach, an uncle by



marriage. After three years of apprenticeship he worked as a journeyman, and in 1878 entered business on his own account in Saline County, Missouri. There he conducted a tinshop and also handled a general stock of hardware. He was one of the merchants in that flourishing town in the Missouri River Valley until 1888, when he returned to Quincy and established a sheet metal works. Out of that has grown the present extensive business, doing every class of general sheet metal and tin work, and emphasizing the specialties above mentioned. In 1891 Mr. Berghofer built his plant at 510 Jersey Street, 25x185 feet. In 1900 Alexander Ohnius became a partner, but eight years later the partnership was dissolved and in 1908 Mr. Berghofer associated with himself his son-in-law, E. H. Mitchell, who looks after the general commercial end of the business. They employ from ten to twenty-five men. Mr. Berghofer is president of the company, and the business is practically a family affair, including Mr. Mitchell and also a son of Mr. Berghofer.

At Quincy March 24, 1870, Mr. Berghofer married Miss Mary Niemeyer, a native of Quincy, where she was reared and educated. Her parents were natives of Germany and spent their long and useful lives in Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Berghofer had three children. Walter died in Missouri at the age of five years. Their daughter Katherine was born at Paris, Missouri, was educated there and in Quincy, and is the wife of Mr. E. H. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell is a native of Palmyra, Missouri. The son Elmer J. H. was born at Slater, Missouri, was educated in Quincy, and is now junior member of the company. He married Viola Ruff, daughter of Casper Ruff, of Quincy. They have a daughter, Gladys. Mr. Berghofer votes independently. He is affiliated with Bodley Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and he and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

GEORGE W. DRALLMEIER was born in Quincy, and an early service, beginning when he was sixteen years of age, as clerk in the well known drug firm of Heidebreder Brothers fixed permanently his vocation and his business interests, and continuously since that time he has been connected with this firm, being now partner and manager of the store of Heidebreder & Drallmeier at 1707 Broadway.

Mr. Drallmeier was born in Quincy, at 1001 Kentucky Street, in 1875. His early education was imparted to him in the grade schools, and at the age of sixteen he went to work for J. H. Heidebreder, the well known druggist. He has been with that firm continuously for twenty-seven years and in 1904 he graduated from the Chicago School of Pharmacy, now the pharmacy department of the State University. Since getting his degree he has been a licensed pharmacist and has been manager of the store on Broadway and a partner in the firm which controls five of the most complete drug stores in the city. Mr. Drallmeier also established for the firm the store at Twelfth and Broadway.

He is a son of Fred and Caroline (Kelker) Drallmeier. Fred Drallmeier was born in Germany but during infancy lost both his parents and was reared practically among strangers, at least not among immediate members of the family. When he was three years of age he was brought to America on a sailing vessel and grew up at Quincy, learned the trade of cigar maker and is still at that vocation. His wife was born in Quincy and is a year younger than her husband. Both are still living here and are active members of the Lutheran Church. They had a large family of three sons and eight daughters, all of whom are still living, all married and nearly all of them have children of their own. One son, Fred, is a pharmacist at Gillespie, Illinois.

George W. Dralmeier married at Quincy Miss Etta Hunsaker, who was born near Quincy in Melrose Township. Her father was John Hunsaker and her grandfather was the well known old pioneer Alexander Hunsaker, who came from Pennsylvania and was one of the first settlers along Mill Creek in Melrose Township. He accumulated large holdings of land and was widely known in business affairs. He finally went west and died at the home of a daughter in



Walla Walla, Washington, when past eighty years of age. John Hunsaker, father of Mrs. Drallmeier, was for many years in service as a member of the old city fire department of Quincy. He is now on the retired list, drawing a pension, and is about seventy years of age. John Hunsaker married Sophia Berian, of another pioneer family of Adams County. She died in 1913, at the age of fifty-four. Mr. and Mrs. Drallmeier have one son, Roy E., born April 15, 1904, now a junior in the Quincy High School. Mr. Drallmeier is a member of the Masonic Order, but after his family he devotes all his interests and most of his time to his business. He learned pharmacy thoroughly both by experience and by technical study, and much of the success of the firm of which he is a partner is due to his hustling energy and his personal popularity.

GEORGE ERTEL was that type of business man and citizen whose memory Quincy cannot afford to neglect. He was an inventor, a manufacturer, a large owner and improver of local real estate, and his influence was always steadily directed toward the welfare of his community as well as himself.

He was born in 1832 in the Province of Lorraine when it was a French possession and at one of the interesting villages along the River Rhine. He was of German ancestry. He was a small boy when his father died. His father had been a river man on the Rhine and spent his active career in the transportation industry. Mr. George Ertel grew up and received his early education in his native village, and there learned the trade of cabinet maker. About the time he completed his apprenticeship, at the age of eighteen, he headed the family, consisting of his widowed mother and three other children, Valentine, Daniel and Anna Mary, in their immigration to the New World. They embarked on a sailing vessel at Havre, France, and seven weeks later landed in New York. From there they went to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where the mother lived until her death. The Ertels are of Protestant German stock. Mr. George Ertel's brothers Valentine and Daniel and his sister Anna Mary all went to Wisconsin, became farmers in that state, and spent their lives there. They all lived to fullness of years and all left families.

George Ertel had as one of his first American experiences employment at his trade at Elmira, New York, and three years later he returned to Williamsport, Pennsylvania. At Williamsport he met and married Miss Eva E. Gardner. She was also born at Newburg on the River Rhine in Lorraine, September 18, 1838, daughter of John and Barbara (Rhinehardt) Gardner. Her parents were natives of the same vicinity. John Gardner was a well to do business man there and had trade connections with Carlsruhe, Strassburg and Baden. The Gardners lived in that section of Germany until the sons were nearly grown and in order to escape the impositions of a military government the family immigrated in 1851 to America. John Gardner and wife were accompanied by their five sons and four daughters and by a number of friends. They also sailed from Havre, France, on the ship Edwina, and less than five weeks later landed at New York. Thence by rail and canal they journeyed to Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Ertel's parents finally joined her and other members of the family in Quincy and her father died here at the age of sixty-nine and her mother when nearly ninety-five years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Ertel after their marriage came to Quincy and here he soon entered business for himself. He was the patentee of a special type of hay press, and manufactured and sold those presses for a number of years. He also originated a special type of poultry brooder, and that was also a commodity which was widely manufactured and sold. Through his manufacturing enterprise he gained the capital which enabled him to invest and develop some valuable property. He built the Ertel Block, a well known landmark in the Quincy business district, part of which was modeled for theatrical uses. Mr. Ertel built the fine brick home at 1261 Park Place where Mrs. Ertel still lives and where his death occurred February 16, 1907, at the age of seventy-five.



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Mr. Ertel was a Mason and in politics voted independently. Mrs. Ertel has one son, Charles M., who was born in Quincy, was educated in the local schools, and succeeded to his father's business. He married Miss Odella Morrell, a native of St. Louis, who was reared and educated in that city. Charles M. Ertel and wife had four children: Elsie, the oldest, died after her marriage to J. C. Goves, and her daughter, Ruth, aged six, is Mrs. Ertel's only great-grandchild. Edna, aged twenty-one, was educated in the Quincy schools and is now a student of art at Chicago. Georgianna, aged nineteen, is a student of art in Quincy. Pauline, the other granddaughter of Mrs. Ertel, died at the age of eighteen.

NEWTON J. HINTON. There are hundreds of people in Adams County who need no introduction to the service by which Newton J. Hinton has made his life one of distinctive credit and honor in the county. Mr. Hinton for forty years or more has been an educator, and most of those years have been spent in Adams County. Since 1898, a period of twenty years, he has been principal of the Franklin School at Quincy, and in point of continuous service is the oldest principal and school administrator in the city.

Mr. Hinton represents a very old family of Adams County and it was during a temporary absence of his parents in Memphis, Missouri, that Newton J. was born March 3, 1857. When he was a year old his parents returned to Melrose Township, three miles from Payson, on Payson Prairie. In that locality his maternal grandparents, Peyton and Sarah (Basnett) Griggs, had settled during the '30s and had improved a farm from a portion of the wilderness. Peyton Griggs and wife were from Kentucky. He died in this county in 1863, when about sixty years of age, and his widow died at Payson in 1893. She was born in 1803. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and as a family the politics ran democratic. Peyton Griggs and wife had seven sons and three daughters, nearly all of whom married and had children. One of these was Mary Ann, better known as Polly, who was born in Melrose Township about 1833, and spent most of her life in the county. She was the mother of Professor Hinton.

The latter's father, Samuel Hinton, was born in St. Clair County, Illinois, in 1831, of Virginia parentage. His father Vachel died when Samuel was a small boy. The latter at the age of twenty moved to Adams County, and soon afterward married Miss Griggs. They lived in Melrose Township a time, then spent two years in Missouri. On returning to Melrose Township Samuel Hinton bought a small farm. From there he moved to Fall Creek Township, rented land, and conducted some of the extensive orchards of the Chatten family, noted fruit growers in that vicinity. About fifteen years later Samuel Hinton moved to Anthony, Harper County, Kansas. While there he became blind, and finally returned to Quincy and spent his last days in the home of his son Newton, where he died in April, 1917, at the age of seventy-nine. He was an active Methodist and a republican. His first wife, the mother of Newton J. Hinton, died in Fall Creek Township. She was the mother of nine children, and those still living are: Lois, wife of C. E. Tilton, who lives retired in Columbus, Illinois, and has three sons and two daughters; Newton J.; Albertine, wife of C. W. Collins, who resides at Labelle, Missouri, and represents the Quincy Herald, Mr. and Mrs. Collins being the parents of two sons and two daughters; and Amanda, wife of George Tilton, a farmer near Garnett, Kansas, and they have four sons and one daughter.

Newton J. Hinton as a boy attended public school in Melrose High School in Payson, and also had several terms of instruction at Chaddock College in Quincy. He taught his first school at the age of eighteen. It was a rural school in the Whitcomb District in Payson Township. His second school was the Center School in Fall Creek Township. The patrons of that school were so well pleased with his services that they kept him five years. He left that to take charge of the grammar school at Payson, later organized the grade school



at Liberty and taught it five years, and following that spent seven years again at Payson and one year at Mendon. He was principal of the Payson High School seven years. Since coming to the Franklin school as principal in 1898 Mr. Hinton has graduated more than 400 pupils from the eighth grade. This is one of the old and well known schools of the city, located at Third and State streets. He has thirteen regular teachers under him, besides the teachers who handle the domestic science and manual training department.

In Quincy Mr. Hinton married Miss Lois Thompson. She was born in Melrose Township and she and Mr. Hinton were fellow students, and she likewise taught for three years, one year after her marriage. Mrs. Hinton is a daughter of Isaac N. and Elizabeth (Forgy) Thompson, both of Kentucky ancestry. Her mother was born in Kentucky and her father near Athens, Ohio. On coming to Adams County they bought a farm in Melrose Township, and later lived in Payson Township, where the mother died at the age of sixty-six and the father at the age of eighty-six. Mrs. Hinton's father was an active democrat and besides township offices was at one time deputy sheriff of Adams County. The Thompsons were members of the Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Hinton are active members of the Vermont Street Methodist Episcopal church, and he has served as a member of its official board and for about twelve years was assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. In politics Mr. Hinton is a republican. He is affiliated with Bodley Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a past master. He is also secretary of the local court of the Tribe of Ben Hur and a member of North Star Camp, Modern Woodmen of America. He is secretary of the Adams County Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinton are properly proud of the achievements and attainments of their only son, Dr. Ralph C. Hinton, one of the prominent alienists of the state. He was born in 1881, is a graduate of the Payson and Quincy schools, and in 1904 took his medical degree from the University of Illinois. For two years he was an interne in the Michael Reese Hospital at Chicago, and for a time carried on a private practice at Quincy. He entered upon the real work of his life when he became assistant superintendent of the State Hospital at Jacksonville. Later he was superintendent of the hospital at Elgin several years, was also connected with an institution at Peoria and on September 1, 1917, was sent back to fill the position of superintendent at the Elgin State Hospital. He has made a splendid record in these several state institutions. Doctor Hinton married Alma Thompson, of Adams County, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Thompson, both now deceased. Her father died in California at the age of thirty-five and her mother in Fall Creek Township at the age of fifty-six. Doctor and Mrs. Hinton have a son, Ralph C., born August 25, 1912, and this grandson is the particular pride of Professor Hinton. Doctor Hinton and wife also have an adopted daughter, Elizabeth R., born June 20, 1913.

JOHN ADAM BANGERT has a store that is a recognized institution in his part of Quincy at 700 North Fifth Street. This has been a locality for family trade in groceries for about forty years. It was established by his father, Frederick Bangert, who was the first to open a stock of goods of that kind in this part of the city. The lot on which the present store stands was at one time a steep hillside, and was as a result of much labor graded down and brought into condition for the erection of a building 25 by 70 feet. Frederick Bangert presided over this store the rest of his life and it has been continued by his son, John Adam, and is now the oldest store north of Hampshire Street. Frederick Bangert was proprietor of the business until his death in 1896, at the age of sixty-one.

Frederick Bangert was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1835, and came of a very substantial and well-to-do family of German people. He grew up in his native land, spent his early life on the farm, and in order to avoid military duty came to the United States. He made the voyage from Bremen

to New York City on a sailing vessel in seven weeks' time, and from New York came at once to Quincy. In Adams County he followed farming in Melrose Township until after the close of the Civil war, and his industry and thrift enabled him to accumulate the modest capital which he finally invested in his property and store at Quincy.

After coming to this country he married at Quincy Maria Heidloff, sister of John Heidloff and member of a well known Quincy family elsewhere referred to. Mrs. Frederick Bangert was a noble wife and mother and by her thrift and care in supervising the early training of her children earned their undying gratitude. She died in 1911, at the age of seventy-seven. Both she and her husband were active members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Frederick Bangert was a very decided democrat in politics. Of their six children Katharine is the wife of Thomas Rottenkobler, a retired butcher of Quincy. Mary married John David, a grocery merchant of Quincy. Fred C. is in the butcher business and married Miss Mohler and has two children, and by a former marriage had three children. Leonard was also a butcher by trade and died in 1915, at the age of forty-five. Anna died unmarried in 1914, when about thirty-eight.

John Adam Bangert was born in Quincy in 1875. His birthplace was a house that stood on the lot where he now has his store. Thus his associations of home and business center around one locality, and in this atmosphere he grew up, attended the local schools, and learned the business from his father and by practical experience. When his father died he and his mother and sisters Mary and Anna continued the business. Later a sister went into the grocery business for herself, and since then Mr. Bangert has been sole proprietor of the old store.

In Quincy he married Margaret Wemhoener, daughter of F. C. and Elizabeth (Wisemberger) Wemhoener. Her father was a former city clerk of Quincy. Both her parents were born in Quincy, were married here and are still residents, being now about seventy years of age. They are active members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Bangert have two daughters, Maria E. and Helen K. Maria was born in 1905 and is now in the eighth grade of the public schools, while Helen was born in 1909 and is in the fifth grade. The family are members of the Lutheran Church.

**EDGAR McNAY.** A farm that measures up to the best standards of Illinois rural improvements, representing value, productiveness, first class buildings, ample facilities for crops and livestock, and at the same time the comforts that insure the welfare of its occupants, is that of Edgar McNay, located about three miles west of Mendon in section 9 of that township and on the line of Ursa Township.

This farm home is the birthplace of Edgar McNay, where he was born May 3, 1865. He is a son of James and Helena (Laughlin) McNay. Helena Laughlin was a daughter of William Laughlin, one of four brothers who more than eighty years ago came to Adams County and were among the most prominent pioneers of Mendon Township. James McNay was born in Kentucky of Scotch parents. One of his brothers died while the family were coming to America and was buried at sea. James McNay was a small child when his father died and later his mother came to Adams County as the wife of Daniel Lewis, and both spent the rest of their days in Mendon Township. As a boy James McNay worked for his brother Andrew until he was about grown. In 1849 he and J. P. Nichols were attracted to the gold fields of California. The entire summer of that year they were on the plains traveling to the gold coast, a journey that required six months. They were in the California mines for a year and a half, and had more than the average success. James McNay had gold dust to the value of between \$3,000 and \$4,000 when he returned, and he invested much of it in eighty acres of land included in the present farm of his son Edgar. Later he bought another eighty acres and was a prosperous farmer in that



community until his death on March 4, 1876, at the age of fifty-one. He was born in the year 1824 and was brought to Adams County from the vicinity of Covington, Kentucky. His brother Andrew also spent his life in Mendon Township, and there were two other brothers, John and William, who were long identified with this part of Adams County. Mrs. James McNay died June 17, 1906, at the age of seventy-three. They were married soon after his return from California, and she survived her husband about thirty years. Their children were: William, a railroad man living at Peoria; Herschel, who died in California at the age of twenty; Edgar; Charles, who is cashier in the freight office of the Burlington Railroad at Des Moines, Iowa; Violet, who died at the age of two years; and Gertrude, who died at seventeen.

The life of Edgar McNay has been identified from birth to the present time with the old homestead farm. During his mother's lifetime he bought the farm and has since increased its size by the purchase of eighty acres until he now has 240 acres under his ownership and control. For the eighty acres which he bought he paid \$100 an acre. He and his family enjoy the comforts of a good home, the house having been erected in 1875, and having since been remodeled. Mr. McNay served twenty years on the school board of his district and in the spring of 1916 was elected township supervisor and served until 1918. He was elected on the democratic ticket in a strongly republican district, and was defeated for re-election on account of the high school question. During his term as supervisor for Mendon Township he secured the entire aid from the county for two bridges. This was a much needed improvement and they were erected at a cost of \$3,000. He has always been democratic in his politics, and is affiliated with the Lodge of Odd Fellows at Ursa. At the age of twenty-four Mr. McNay married Miss Clara Wilkins, daughter of Eli and Susan (Kelley) Wilkins. Six children were born to their marriage: Mabel, wife of Virgil Baker, a carpenter at Marcelline, and they have two children, Milton and Lois; Florence, who is still at home; Marie, who graduated from the Mendon High School in 1912 and is at home; Helen, wife of Ray McClelland, a farmer in Honey Creek Township, and they have one daughter, Alma; Gilbert and Glen, both at home.

**WILLIAM D. GROVES, M. D.** The oldest and best known physician of Ursa Township is Doctor Groves, who has practiced medicine in this county for over thirty years and whose personal associations have been with the localities of Marcelline and Ursa. Doctor Groves is a man of high standing in his profession, and is now vice president of the Adams County Medical Society.

He was born at Marcelline in Ursa Township April 18, 1862, a son of John P. and Amanda (Ruddell) Groves. His mother was a daughter of Rev. Stephen A. Ruddell, one of the prominent pioneers of Ursa Township, who took a prominent part in organizing the first religious society in the township, and later gave from his own farm the site for the Christian Church. The Ruddell family has been active in Adams County for ninety years.

John P. Groves was born in Pennsylvania and was brought as a child to Adams County, his parents locating at Marcelline. He was born in 1817 and died March 22, 1881, at the age of sixty-four. John P. Groves' mother lived to a good old age. He was the only one of three sons to reach maturity. His brother Daniel died while a soldier in the Civil war and his brother Joseph Henry died in young manhood. John P. Groves spent his active career as a farmer near Marcelline. He was never in public life, but was one of the organizers of the Christian Church at Marcelline. His wife died in 1891, at the same age as himself. They had four children: Mary E., widow of R. M. Agee, of Berkeley, California; George W., a farmer of Mendon Township; William D.; and Martha R., wife of John D. Gerard, of Tacoma, Washington.

Doctor Groves was liberally educated, taking his literary work in Christian University at Canton, Missouri, and graduating with the class of 1878. He then entered the St. Louis Medical College, from which he received his medical

degree in 1883. With this preparation he began practice at Marcelline, and in 1902 established his home at Ursa. The four years previous to his establishment at Ursa he spent at Kansas City, Missouri. He has given all his time to his work as a physician, and there is hardly a home in Ursa Township which he has not entered at some time in a professional capacity. He is a member of all the medical societies, including the District and State societies, and the American Medical Association. He is an Odd Fellow and has sat in the Grand Lodge. Doctor Groves has spent several winters either in Florida or California.

At the age of twenty-three he married Minnie Keith, of Marcelline, daughter of E. B. Keith, a farmer of that vicinity now deceased. Mrs. Groves died July 28, 1915. She was very active in the Christian Church and for many years taught a Sunday school class. Their only child, Ursula, is now Mrs. William B. McAdams, wife of a prominent stockman of Ursa. Her first husband was William Smith Byrd, who died in Florida. William Smith Byrd was a son of Dr. William A. Byrd, long a prominent physician of Quincy. Mrs. Ursula McAdams by her first marriage has a daughter, Mary Belle, now ten years of age.

JAMES T. RUDDELL is the present supervisor of Ursa Township and for a number of years has sold much of the merchandise distributed from the village of Ursa over the surrounding country. In 1904 he acquired his present business as successor to the Lummis Brothers. The store was originally established about 1880, the building being erected by Mr. Steinbach, and is now owned by the J. M. Daugherty Estate. Mr. Ruddell has a stock of general merchandise valued at about \$7,000, representing an increase from an original investment of \$3,300. The business has grown and prospered and shows very satisfactory returns.

Ursa Township was a wilderness when the Ruddell family came here nearly ninety years ago, in 1829. It is recorded that the first religious society in the township was organized at the residence of Rev. Stephen Ruddell in section 18, and he and his wife were among the seven charter members. Stephen Ruddell afterwards gave a site from part of his farm for the first house of worship, and a church has stood there for many years.

James T. Ruddell was born in Ursa Township November 4, 1855, a son of John M. and Martha A. (Dunlap) Ruddell. John M. Ruddell was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, September 28, 1812. The date of his arrival in Adams County was November 20, 1829. On March 20, 1832, he married Miss Martha Dunlap, who was born in Mercer County, Kentucky, April 28, 1813. Her father, David Dunlap, came to Adams County in 1830 from Audrain County, Missouri. David Dunlap settled in Mendon Township, and spent his life as an active farmer there. He died at the age of eighty years. Martha Dunlap's mother died in Kentucky. John M. Ruddell developed a farm of 120 acres in section 1 of Ursa Township and was a citizen of high standing in that locality for many years. He was a democrat, an active member of the Christian Church, and served for over fourteen years as township supervisor and in other offices. In the Blackhawk Indian war of 1832 he was a member of Philip W. Martin's company. Three of his sons and a son-in-law were Union soldiers. His son William D. went out as first lieutenant in Company A of the Seventy-Eighth Illinois, and came back a captain. John D. enlisted in Company B of the Fiftieth Illinois Infantry, and was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. George H. served as a private in Company B of the Seventy-Eighth Regiment, and the son-in-law, J. W. Wiester, was also in the Seventy-Eighth Regiment. John M. Ruddell died in August, 1896, and his wife in April of the same year. They had altogether eleven children, including: William D., who removed to Andrew County, Missouri, in 1876, and served as county treasurer of that county and died in 1888, at the age of fifty-four; John D. died at Mendon, Chariton County, Missouri, at the age of forty-one; Margaret R. lives with her brother James and is the widow of Jacob Wiester,



of Mendon; George H. died in Andrew County, Missouri, at the age of fifty-eight; May C. was past fifty when she died; and James T.

James T. Ruddell was reared a farmer and gave his years usefully to agricultural operations until 1897. During 1897-98 he was a merchant at Ursa, and from 1901 for a number of years was manager of the local creamery. He has been regularly established in business as a merchant since 1904.

Mr. Ruddell served as assessor of the township eight years, as tax collector four years, and has now filled the office of supervisor four years. He is an active democrat, has been prominent in church affairs, and in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows has filled all the chairs in the local lodge, has been representative to the Grand Lodge and district deputy.

At the age of twenty-one he married Miss Sarah E. Jenkins. She was born in this locality of Adams County November 30, 1858, a daughter of William A. and Rachel Jenkins, who were married in Adams County. William A. Jenkins came from Kentucky to this county about 1838. Her mother, Rachel Price, was a native of Maryland. Mrs. Ruddell died May 28, 1916, the mother of five children: Charles A., a farmer in Ursa; John M., associated with his father in the firm of James T. Ruddell & Son; William F., a resident of Englewood, Kansas; Margaret M., who was born in 1889 and died February 6, 1914, at the age of twenty-five, leaving two children; and Martha A., wife of James Selby, of Lima Township. On June 27, 1918, Mr. Ruddell married Mrs. Mary B. Main, of Knox City, Missouri.

CHARLES LAYCOCK is founder and president of the Bank of Ursa. This institution, one of the most substantial of the smaller towns of Adams County, was established June 5, 1905, with a capital stock of \$10,000. Mr. Charles Laycock is president and his son, Robert E. Laycock, is cashier. The bank is housed in a solid concrete building, erected for the special purpose, and has all the equipment and facilities of the modern bank.

Mr. Charles Laycock is a native of West Riding, Yorkshire, England. He grew up as a factory boy, with limited education and opportunities. Coming to the United States at the age of twenty-two, he worked in a factory at Providence, Rhode Island, as a dresser in the cloth industry, and also at Manchester, New Hampshire. Perhaps the most important event of his early life was a visit during one summer at the home of an old friend on the Georgian Bay in Canada. While in Canada he chanced to attend a great religious debate lasting ten days between Rev. O. A. Burgess, president of Butler University of Indianapolis, and a Mr. Underwood, a celebrated free thinker of Boston. It was hearing this struggle between master and opposing minds, and his acquaintance with Doctor Burgess which influenced him to enter Butler University as a student. He graduated after a thorough training for the ministry, and at once entered upon his career as a pastor of the Christian Church. While in college he paid his way by preaching, and had more resources at the end of his course than when he entered. Mr. Laycock served as pastor of a Christian Church at California, Missouri, also of two country churches, and was active in the ministry in both Missouri and Illinois for thirty-three years. He came from Canton, Missouri, to Ursa to start the bank, and with all the duties of business affairs has continued to render service occasionally as a minister, and hardly a month passes that he is not subject to some call from his old friend and parishioners to attend funerals. He has met and known many of the celebrated pulpit orators, including John A. Brooks, who was one of the ablest preachers of his time and was once candidate for vice president on the prohibition ticket.

While at California, Missouri, Rev. Mr. Laycock married Eugenia Chastain. They have two children, Robert E. and Fern. The daughter is still at home. Robert E. Laycock is cashier of the bank and has also become widely known in association with his father by his work in breeding of high grade Belgian and Percheron horses and mules. Their industry is widely known, and has done much to improve the blood of standard bred horses and mules through-

out this section of the state. Robert Laycock married Lillie Calvin, daughter of James M. and Phebe (Shepherd) Calvin, of Ursa Township.

**HORACE D. MORTON.** The Morton family have been in Adams County for seventy years or more and their record as successful farmers is found in Gilmer, Ellington and several other localities. Mr. Horace D. Morton, who among his friends is better known as "Harry," did his share of the hard work involved in farm operation, and is now living in comfortable retirement at a home in Quincy at the corner of Ninth and Oak streets. He moved from the Ellington Township farm in section 9 on December 24, 1904. In that part of Ellington Township he owned a good place of eighty acres for nine years, and had previously farmed in Mendon Township.

Mr. Morton was born in Gilmer Township July 26, 1856. He lived there to the age of eight years, when his father bought a farm in Henry County, Illinois. Four years later the family returned to Adams County and again settled in Gilmer Township, where his father bought a place of 106 acres.

The grandparents of Horace D. Morton were Z. and Clarissa (Morgan) Morton, who came from Ohio to Adams County in 1848 and bought a half section of land in Gilmer Township. The land was completely wild, and it was the task of the family to improve it. Mr. Z. Morton died there and his estate was divided among his three sons and three daughters. The grandparents and most of their six children are now at rest in the cemetery at the Village of Columbus. One daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Henderson, is still living at advanced age at Atlanta, Georgia.

Benjamin Morton, oldest of the six children, and father of Horace was born in Butler County, Ohio, September 9, 1825. He was of New England ancestry and the first American Morton came over about the time of the Mayflower. He grew up in Butler County and was a young man when he came to Adams County. He married Nancy Cate, who was a native of New Hampshire and was brought to Adams County at the age of eight years. Her parents settled on a farm in Gilmer Township and spent the rest of their days there. Mrs. Nancy Morton died when nearly seventy years of age.

Horace D. Morton was reared as a Methodist, which was the family religion. However, after his marriage he joined his wife in worship in the Christian Church. He married in Gilmer Township Miss Eunice King. She was born in Burton Township of Adams County July 23, 1859. She died at the home in Quincy April 5, 1918. She was reared and educated in Burton and Gilmer townships and after graduating from the Maplewood High School at Camp Point was a teacher until her marriage. Her parents were Elijah and Ruth (Chase) King, early settlers of Burton Township, where they lived on a farm many years. Later they had a farm in Gilmer Township, where Mr. King died. His widow spent her last years in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morton. She lived until past eighty years. All the King family were members of the Christian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton had seven children. Albert was killed when ten years of age, being kicked by a horse. Carl B., born July 20, 1883, is a farmer in Marion County, Missouri. He married Nellie Windmeyer, of Quincy. They have three children, Eunice E., Robert B. and Marjorie F. Mary R., born November 2, 1885, was educated in the Quincy High School, graduating as an honor student in 1905, and is now the wife of Andrew L. Hastings. Mr. and Mrs. Hastings live at Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Ada N., born November 25, 1887, was educated in the Quincy High School and the Gem City Business College and is now the wife of Harlan Turner, of Quincy. Lulu M., born January 21, 1893, is a graduate of the Quincy High School and the Gem City Business College and is now keeping house for her father. Nellie E., born November 28, 1896, is a graduate of high school and the Gem City Business College, and is the wife of Harry Henhoff, of Ellington Township. Anna Lucile, born November 9, 1898, has a diploma from the high school and the Gem City Business College.



and is now employed with the Prudential Life Insurance Company. Mr. Morton is a republican and a member of the Christian Church.

**GEORGE FISCHER.** A remarkable term of service in the industrial life of Quincy came to a close with the sudden death of Mr. George Fischer, which occurred on February 26, 1916. He had been identified with the business interests of the city for nearly fifty years.

After his school days he served an apprenticeship at the tinner's trade with Henry Ridder, and at the age of nineteen he formed a partnership in the stove and tinware business with John Grant and subsequently with Benjamin Schupp. Later he embarked in this same line of business for himself, being located first at No. 625 Maine Street and then moving to No. 521 Maine Street.

In the year 1890 he purchased of Lemley Brothers the iron, steel and heavy hardware business of that firm. This transfer marked the beginning of the Fischer Iron & Steel Co., which Mr. Fischer developed and successfully carried on until he died. In 1896 he erected on the premises of his boyhood home at 121-125 South Fifth Street a large and modern building, fitted and equipped with every facility in handling this important enterprise.

Mr. Fischer was born in Quincy, January 3, 1850, and died at the age of sixty-six years, in the full splendor of manhood. His parents were Joseph John and Walburga (Wittmann) Fischer. Both were born in Bavaria, Germany, the father March 3, 1816, and the mother July 8, 1821. The father came to the United States in a sailing vessel when a young man, and from New Orleans traveled up the river to Quincy, where he engaged in business as a merchant tailor. He was one of the well known early German settlers of the city, and died on June 5, 1851. He married in Quincy, and George Fischer was their only child. His widow survived him and passed away October 21, 1891.

In early boyhood George Fischer attended the parochial schools and St. Francis College. In 1877 he married Miss Euphemia A. Ricker, the eldest child of the late Henry F. J. Ricker, Sr., founder of the Ricker National Bank of Quincy, Illinois. To this union five children were born, three sons and two daughters, namely: George Joseph, Joseph John, Walburga Mary, Frank Aloysius and Gertrude Caroline.

Mr. Fischer at the time of his death was vice president and director of the Ricker National Bank of Quincy, member of the board of directors of the Modern Iron Works, also a member of the board of governors of the Quincy Freight Bureau, a trustee of St. Boniface Catholic Church, and had served as president and also as secretary of the St. Aloysius Orphan Society. He was also affiliated with the Travelers Protective Association and the Western Catholic Union.

Mr. Fischer always cheerfully gave a full measure of unselfish assistance and personal service to any cause which had in view the advancement or betterment of his home city.

He was a person of distinguished bearing, tall and commanding in appearance, possessing a memory which supplied him with facts down to the minutest detail. He was a man whom neither praise nor blame could swerve from what he considered a right decision. He was deeply religious, strictly honest, and in executing his purpose he had the conviction that eternal truth and right were on his side and must prevail. He was a plain and unassuming man, possessed of strong common sense, great self reliance and invincible purpose. Throughout his life he set an example of moderation, fairness and truthfulness. Greater only than his work was the fullness and richness of his life itself.

**HENRY A. OENNING.** Prominent among the names of the men of worth and integrity whom Quincy has been called upon to mourn within the past few years stands that of the late Henry A. Oenning, who for many years was an active and influential factor in promoting the mercantile growth and prosperity of the city. A native of Germany, he was born May 9, 1834, in Vehbing, and was there bred and educated.



*Hy. A. Comins*  
*Elisabeth Penning*





Realizing the value of the wonderful opportunities America offered to young men of industry and energy, he immigrated to the United States in early manhood, locating first in New Orleans. From that city Mr. Oenning came by boat to Quincy, Illinois, and about 1866, in company with John Benning, he opened a book store, putting in a full line of prayer, church, and school books. He became well patronized, and subsequently bought out the interest of his partner, continuing the business alone until his death, January 24, 1908. In 1916 was celebrated the fiftieth year of the business at Quincy. During this entire period of fifty years operation has been continued in the same block, from 632 to 638. Successful in the management of his mercantile affairs, Mr. Oenning accumulated property of value, becoming owner among other things of the fine business building in which his store was located.

Mr. Oenning married, February 2, 1867, Elizabeth Heuer, who was also a native of Germany. No children were born of their union. Mr. Oenning was a faithful member of Saint Boniface Church and active in its affairs. He was likewise one of the organizers of the Western Catholic Union.

LEVIN H. A. NICKERSON, M. D. Quincy has in many ways betokened its esteem for the professional abilities and service of Doctor Nickerson, who is now its oldest physician and surgeon in point of continuous years of practice. Doctor Nickerson came here in 1876, and all of his early contemporaries and associates are either gone or retired from work. Doctor Nickerson is still tremendously active, looks after a large private practice besides his official duties and responsibilities in connection with hospitals and various boards.

Doctor Nickerson was born in Camden, Delaware, in 1851, and represents one of the oldest of New England families, one branch of the Nickersons having been identified with the earliest settlement on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, while others for many generations lived in Connecticut. Doctor Nickerson grew up in his native town, and received his literary education in a seminary or academy. In 1874 he graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania and the following two years were spent in the Blockley Municipal Hospital of Philadelphia. This was an education and experience much superior to those of the average physician of that time.

Doctor Nickerson came to Quincy and soon had a profitable business as a physician and surgeon. For the past thirty years he has been a member of the staff of Blessing Hospital, for many years has served as surgeon of the Wabash Railroad, and for fifteen years as surgeon of the Army Medical Examining Board. Doctor Nickerson is a past president of the Adams County Medical Society. This, by the way, is the oldest medical society in the state, having been established before the state society was organized. Doctor Nickerson served as president of Illinois State Medical Society in 1913-14. A number of times he has been sent as a delegate to the American Medical Association. Doctor Nickerson applied for service in the present war, but was refused on account of his age.

As already noted, he is the oldest physician of Quincy in point of continuous years of practice. The same distinction was enjoyed by his wife's father, the late Dr. Michael Roeschlaub, who in his time was one of the most eminent practitioners in medicine in Adams County. Doctor Nickerson and Miss Jessie S. Roeschlaub were married in Quincy. Her grandfather, Dr. Andrew Roeschlaub, was a distinguished and eminent medical man of Germany. He served as private medical counselor to the King of Bavaria and was also dean of the faculty of the University of Munich. In one of the rooms of the University of Munich is now prominently displayed a marble bust of Dr. Andrew Roeschlaub as testimony to his abilities and service.

Mrs. Nickerson's father, Michael Joseph Roeschlaub, was born in the Kingdom of Bavaria February 2, 1806. He was liberally educated, and graduated in the literary department of the University of Munich in 1825, and three years later received his degree in medicine and surgery in his father's school. After four years of practice in Munich he was appointed county physician, a position



he held until 1845. He was one of those liberty loving Bavarians who became dissatisfied with political conditions in their native land, and coming to America he first settled at Palmyra, Missouri, and in January, 1849, located at Quincy, where he practiced medicine for over thirty years and at the time of his retirement was the oldest practicing physician of the city. He was one of the founders of the Adams County Medical Society and very active among its leaders and officers, serving as president and in other capacities. Dr. Michael Roeschlaub died in Quincy when seventy-nine years of age. He was twice married. His second wife was Margaret Sawers, of Scotch descent, and a native of Edinburgh, Scotland. They were married in Bavaria October 10, 1843. Mrs. Michael Roeschlaub, who lived to be over fourscore years of age, was a prominent woman of Quincy and was especially distinguished as a leader in literary affairs.

Doctor Nickerson and wife have one son, Harry L. R., now thirty years of age. He is a graduate of the Quincy High School, Yale University, and of the Boston Institute of Technology. As a chemical engineer he has worked himself to a position of eminence in the profession and in business affairs. A number of years ago he identified himself with the Boston Gas Light Company, and has applied himself so diligently and ably to his duties that he has become its general manager and superintendent. He lives in Boston and married there Miss Harriet L. McCloud, a native of that city and a woman highly cultured and educated.

HENRY C. GREEMANN represents one of the old German families of Quincy, located here nearly half a century ago, and his own career has been in part a continuation of that of his father, beginning as a stone mason and developing a large enterprise as stone contractor and in construction work, represented in many of the large private and business houses of this territory.

Mr. Greemann is a son of Henry and Wilhelmina (Boehmer) Greemann, both natives of Hanover, Germany, and reared from childhood in the Lutheran religion. Henry Greemann was a stone cutter by trade and was married in Germany. Their first child, Fredericka, was born in the old country and was very young when in 1855 they set sail from Bremen for New Orleans. Up the Mississippi River they came to St. Louis, where Henry Greemann followed his trade until 1859 and then moved to Quincy. He located at 830 Ohio Street, which was the family home for a great many years. At Quincy Henry Greemann followed his trade, and later contracted with Governor Wood, the founder of the city, to buy five acres south of Jefferson Street along the Mississippi River banks. He paid \$2,000 for this property and soon developed it as a stone quarry. This quarry is interesting historically, since in the course of the quarrying operations it was discovered that the former Indian inhabitants had used the ground as a burial place and many skeletons were unearthed. Henry Greemann continued working this quarry for dimension building stone until his death in 1879, at the age of fifty-nine. His widow survived him until 1883, and was about seventy when she died. Both became identified with the Lutheran Church at Quincy. Their children born in Quincy were: Elizabeth, now living at Brooklyn, New York, widow of John Love and mother of several sons and daughters; Henry C., the third in age; John, who died in Quincy in middle life, survived by his widow, Fredericka (Shroeder) Greemann, and a daughter, Florence.

Mr. Henry C. Greemann was born at the old homestead on Ohio Street November 10, 1860. He attended the city schools but as a boy began learning the trade of stone mason under his father. He had not yet completed his apprenticeship when his father died and he served it out under another employer. After that he continued the operation of the quarry until January 1, 1893, when he formed a partnership with Mr. Albert Roeder, and in 1913 they incorporated as the Roeder-Greemann Stone & Construction Company with a capital stock of \$25,000. Mr. Greemann is president, Mr. Roeder is treasurer, and Homer Greemann is secretary. The firm do an immense business in construc-

tion work, and in their stone contracting furnish practically all the materials from their own quarry. They do building of other materials and the firm is one of the most important in this line at Quincy.

Mr. Greemann married in Quincy Ida Weisenberger, who was born in this city in 1862, daughter of Bernard and Elizabeth (Kunkle) Weisenberger, both natives of Germany. They married after they came to Quincy and spent the rest of their days here. Her father died in 1906, when past seventy, and her mother is now living past fourscore. Both were members of the Lutheran Church. They had a large family and most of them are still living and married. Mr. and Mrs. Greemann have a family of four children: Homer, secretary of the company, who married Elma Stohlberg. Clara is a graduate of the Gem City Business College and now a stenographer in the government service at Washington. Helen is a registered nurse and is now in the Red Cross service at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Laura was well educated in the high school and the Gem City Business College and is employed as a stenographer at Quincy. The family are members of the Lutheran Memorial Church. Mr. Greemann is affiliated with Lodge No. 1 of the Masonic order, and he and his son are democratic voters.

Mr. Albert Roeder, treasurer of the Roeder-Greemann Stone & Construction Company, was born in Germany in 1860. He learned the stone cutting trade in the old country and in 1881 came to the United States. As former partner and now member of the corporation with Mr. Greemann he is chiefly responsible for the actual building construction and is a very practical and thorough man in this line. He married for his first wife Louise Abbath, and his present wife is Anna Reichert, both of whom were Quincy girls. By his first wife he had a son, Otto, and a daughter, Martha. The son was a stockholder in the Roeder-Greemann Company and died in August, 1913, at the outset of a very promising career. The daughter is the wife of Ernest Lehr, and is the mother of two children, Gertrude and Roland.

GEORGE BREUER. Quincy has long appreciated the services rendered by the business at 119 North Fourth Street, an exclusive carpet and rug house, now conducted under the individual proprietorship of Mr. George Breuer and formerly for nearly half a century by Henry Ruff, from whom Mr. Breuer bought the store in June, 1907. Mr. Breuer had been an employe of Mr. Ruff for eighteen years, and thus the business has practically a continuous history and is one of the oldest establishments of its kind in Adams County. Mr. Breuer has two floors for his stock and display rooms, 20 by 100 feet, and there are few people of Adams County who do not know his location on the west side of the Public Square.

The Breuer family has been in Quincy for half a century or more, and it is a family of sterling American patriotism. Mr. Breuer has liberally supported every cause and movement in behalf of the war of democracy against autocracy, and his father was equally intense in his loyalty to his adopted country. Mr. George Breuer was born in Quincy in 1874, and grew up and received his education here. He was only a boy when he entered the carpet business with Mr. Ruff, and all his experience has been in that one line. He is a son of Henry and Helena Breuer, both of whom were born in Germany, were married in the old country, and after the birth of their first son, Henry, who is now deceased, they came to the United States and located at Quincy. The father died January 13, 1919, and the mother is still living, now quite old. Henry Breuer for many years was an active carpenter. George Breuer has several brothers and sisters still living in Quincy. Ernest and Charles are both married and live in Quincy. Mrs. Frank Orr, a sister, lives in Oklahoma. Anna died January 21, 1879, and Amelia, unmarried, reside in Quincy, as does the brother Eric.

Mr. George Breuer married at Quincy Miss Minnie Koch, who was born and reared in this city. Mr. Breuer is affiliated with Lodge No. 1 of the Masons and also with the Knights of Pythias.



LEROY H. WOLFE is a doctor of dental surgery, and has taken commendable rank in his profession at Quincy, where he has practiced for the last eight years. For three years, 1914 to 1916, he served as president of the Adams-Hancock Counties Dental Society.

He is a graduate of dentistry from the Iowa State University with the class of 1905. His earlier literary education was acquired in his native state of Pennsylvania and he was a student in the State School at Lockhaven. He began practice at Hull, Illinois, was there five years, and then came to Quincy. He is a member of the state and national dental societies, and has always been a progressive student of his profession. He took post-graduate work at St. Louis and Chicago, and has attended many clinics at New York, St. Louis and Philadelphia. He is a member of the surgical staff of St. Mary's Hospital. He has made a specialty of anaesthesia and oral surgery.

Doctor Wolfe was born in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1883, and graduated and began the work of his profession about the time he was twenty-one years of age. He represents an old Pennsylvania family. His father, George H. Wolfe, and his grandfather, Horace Wolfe, were both natives of that state and were farmers and dairymen there. His father is still living at the age of sixty-three. The doctor's mother was Belle Knapp, who was born in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, sixty years ago, daughter of Amos and Rachel (Gordon) Knapp, also natives of Bradford County, where they lived as farmers. The Knapps were Presbyterians while the Wolfes were Baptists. Doctor Wolfe has a brother, Hal C., still on the old homestead in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and father of one son, Merrill.

At Hull, Illinois, Doctor Wolfe married Sena Miller, who was born there and finished her education at Quincy. Her parents, Barney and Alta (Gerdes) Miller, were born in Germany, but were married in Quincy, and are now living at Hull, Illinois, where her father is a retired grain merchant. They are members of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Wolfe has a brother, Christ Miller, who is connected with the Portland Cement Company of Hannibal, Missouri, and is married and has one daughter, Nedra.

The home of Doctor and Mrs. Wolfe has been blessed with one son, LeRoy, born October 20, 1911. Mrs. Wolfe is a member of the Congregational Church. Doctor Wolfe has attained most of the degrees and orders of Masonry, being affiliated at Quincy with Bodley Lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Royal Arch Chapter No. 5, Knight Templar Commandery No. 77 and the Scottish Rite Consistory, thirty-second degree, and is a member of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also affiliated with Lodge No. 160 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

WILHELMINA WESTHOLD, D. O. A graduate in osteopathy from the Pacific College at Los Angeles, Doctor Westhold returned to her old home at Quincy to practice her profession, and has gained a large clientele and is the object of great personal esteem among all who recognize the ability of an energetic and ambitious woman to advance herself in the world and render a service of usefulness to her fellow beings. Doctor Westhold graduated in 1909 and her offices are in the Wells Building.

She was born at Quincy in September, 1868, and was reared here, attending the grammar and high schools and graduating from the Gem City Business College in 1893. For twelve years she was a stenographer, until she took up her professional study and work.

Doctor Westhold is a daughter of Frank and Wilhelmina (Westermann) Westhold, both of whom were natives of Hanover, Germany, and were brought to this country and to St. Louis when young. They married at Quincy and have since had their home in this city. Her father for a number of years was engaged in the wood business, and later conducted a farm near Quincy. Fifteen years ago Mr. Westhold retired, and passed away July 24, 1918. Mrs. Westhold is still living. They became members of the Evangelical Lutheran

Church and in politics he was a republican. Doctor Westhold is one of a family of six daughters and one son, being the third in age. The oldest, Lisetta, is still at home with her mother. Frank, Jr., is unmarried and lives at Seattle, Washington. Anna is the wife of John Speckhart, an Adams County farmer, and they have four children. Bertha is the wife of Albert W. Sprick, a Nebraska farmer and brother of the well known Quincy banker of that name. Lulu is the wife of William Beilstein, of Frankford, Missouri, and they have one daughter, Ruth. Amanda, the youngest, is a teacher in the Lincoln High School at Seattle, Washington. Doctor Westhold is a member of the Christian Church.

ALDO F. BEHRENS. For half a century the name of Behrens has been familiarly associated with the business affairs of Quincy. One of the oldest grocery and provision establishments in the city was formerly that of Behrens and Ohlschlager at the corner of Fourth Street and Maiden Lane. This business, now at 500 South Fourth Street, is conducted by the Behrens Brothers, Aldo F. and Archibald H., who are sons of the former head of the business and nephews of Mr. Ohlschlager.

Herman Behrens, the pioneer of the family in Quincy, was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1837, and came to the United States in 1857, making the voyage by sailing vessel to New Orleans and thence up the river to Cincinnati, Ohio. He lived at different times in Louisville, Kentucky, and also in Missouri, and he and his brother-in-law and their respective families came to Quincy in 1866. In Cincinnati in 1865 Herman Behrens married Alvena Ohlschlager, who was born in Indiana in 1844, and was reared in Cincinnati. Her parents were Frederick and Elizabeth (Rightmeyer) Ohlschlager, both natives of Hanover, Germany, where they married and soon afterward came to America. Most of the Ohlschlager children were born in Indiana and Cincinnati. Frederick Ohlschlager and wife also came to Quincy in 1866, and he died here in his sixty-first year and his widow at the age of eighty-four. They were members of the Lutheran Church and were highly respected in this community.

Herman Behrens and his brother-in-law, Henry Ohlschlager, on coming to Quincy started in business at the corner of Fourth and State streets, and about two years later bought the ground and built a large double store at the corner of the Fourth and Maiden Lane. Their building was 75 by 66 feet and in one half of it they opened a general grocery and produce business. Henry Ohlschlager, who was born in Cincinnati, was active in the business until his death in 1906 at the age of fifty-four. He never married. Herman Behrens died in 1909, at the age of seventy-two. Mrs. Herman Behrens is still living and was seventy-four years old June 14, 1918, and is still vigorous and in good health. Her brother, Mr. Ohlschlager, was a prominent republican at Quincy and for a number of years represented the third ward in the city council. He was a past master of Herman Lodge of Masons, while Herman Behrens belonged to Bodley Lodge of that order.

Aldo F. Behrens was born at Quincy June 14, 1866, and his brother Archibald was born August 10, 1868. They are the only children of the late Herman Behrens. Both grew up and attended the public schools of Quincy and from boyhood were trained at the counters of their father's store. They know the grocery and provision business in every detail, and after the death of their uncle they took over the management of the store and have promoted it to greatly enlarged success.

Aldo Behrens married in Quincy Anna Warmeker. She was born in Quincy at the corner of Ninth and State streets in 1868, and for a number of years has been a dressmaker with a shop in the Wells Building.

Archibald H. Behrens married at Quincy Anna Moshage, who was born here at the corner of Fourth and Payson streets. She has much artistic talent, was trained in artistic lines in the art schools of Chicago and Kansas City, Missouri, and has done much china painting both as an individual artist and



as a teacher. She and her husband live at 1868 Hampshire Street, where she holds her art classes. Archibald Behrens is a member of Herman Lodge of Masons.

**WILLIAM LOOS.** One of the family names that has been longest identified with Adams County and which bears a record of many interesting and important activities is that of Loos. One of the family is Mr. William Loos, an active farmer for many years, but now living retired at 515 South Twelfth Street in Quincy.

He is a son of Michael Loos, who was born in Frankisch Grumbach, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, September 16, 1815, and died in 1872. He grew up and received his education in Germany. He worked there in a slate quarry for the father of John Speckhart, one of the prominent citizens of Adams County. Mr. Speckhart paid Michael's passage to America at the same time that Speckhart himself came to this country. Michael left Germany just before the call to service in the regular army. In Melrose Township he married Mary Walthous. She was sixteen years of age at the time of her marriage and had come to this country from Bieberau, Hesse Darmstadt, at the age of four years. Her parents were Henry and Elizabeth Walthous, who lived on Mill Creek in this county for a number of years. Henry Walthous after the death of his wife built a log house at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Loos, and lived there until his death at the age of eighty-four.

Michael Loos was first employed in a brick yard in Quincy and during the winters worked in the porkhouse. He often told his children how he shoveled bones into the river, and frequently filled farmers' wagons with them simply to get rid of what was then a waste by-product. In this way he worked for about six years. After his marriage he bought eighty acres of land now owned by his son William. It was in the woods, only a few acres cleared, and he took his wife into a rude log house. It contained one room, and was overrun with mice. Michael Loos later sent money back to Germany to pay the passage of his parents, Peter and Barbara Loos. Peter Loos was a skillful carpenter and built for his son a good log house, and helped build several other houses and barns in the neighborhood. In the course of time Michael Loos had his farm cleared off and he built the present house and barn on the place. William Loos recalls well when the present house and barn were built, since he was then wearing his first trousers, and while crossing a branch to show them to the carpenters he fell in the water and got wet. Michael Loos kept adding to his holdings until he had 231 acres, most of it improved and under cultivation during his lifetime. He was noted as one of the best and most successful farmers in that neighborhood. When he first bought land he borrowed \$100. The note he gave was discounted so that he received only eighty dollars in cash, but he paid interest on the entire \$100 at the rate of ten per cent, which was then not uncommon in such financial transactions. Several of Michael's brothers came to Adams County. One of them, John, was a tailor at Quincy where he died. Fred lived on a farm in Fall Creek Township but later moved to Carroll County, Missouri, where he died. Louis was crossing the Mississippi River on a skiff when it was overturned beside a big boat and he was drowned, his body never being recovered. Michael Loos and wife spent their last years on the old farm. His widow survived him until April, 1912, passing away at the age of eighty-four.

Mr. William Loos was born October 25, 1852, in the log house on the old farm, the structure which his grandfather had built. For a time he and John Hass were in the picture framing business in Quincy, then he worked for his brother Fred on a farm. At the death of his father his brother Philip secured the old homestead. Later William Loos with the aid of his mother bought out the interest of Philip, securing 118 acres of the old farm. His mother remained as his housekeeper until Mr. William Loos married, May 22, 1881, Miss Anna Geberzahn. She was born in Nassau, Germany, June 4, 1860, and was sixteen

years of age when she came to New York City with her sister. Mr. William Loos continued farming actively until 1913, when he retired and moved to Quincy, but still owns the old farm. He is a democrat and has filled several offices in his township.

Mr. and Mrs. William Loos have an interesting family of children: Mary, the oldest, is unmarried and lives at Tacoma, Washington. Thomas, of Quincy, married Elsie Leppert, and has one child, Allen William Frederick Loos. Emma is the wife of Charles Politsch, of Quincy. David, a farmer at Marblehead, married Elva Brown, and had three children, Gerry, Joseph and E. Leroy, the latter of whom died at the age of eighteen months. Mathias now lives on the old home farm and by his marriage to Margaret Bock has three children, Roger William, Velma Anna Elizabeth and Calvin. The five younger children of Mr. and Mrs. William Loos are Ernst, Joseph, John, Lillie and Pauline. It is a matter of pride to the family that three of the sons are helping the government in the war. Ernst is now in France with Company L of the Three Hundred and Twenty-seventh Regiment of Infantry. Joseph is with Headquarters Company of the Second Regiment of Infantry. John is in the employment of the government as a plumber at the Rock Island Arsenal.

LOUIS A. SCHUTTE is now proprietor of one of the oldest industries of Quincy. A few years ago he succeeded the older firm of Henry Schutte Sons, manufacturers of furniture, sash, doors and blinds, and all classes of high grade exterior and interior finish for stores and dwellings. It is a highly specialized concern, and turns out much of the best grade of work done by any factory along the Mississippi River. The factory is at 1218 South Ninth Street. Mr. Schutte furnishes a large amount of woodwork used in shops, stores and homes.

This business was established by his father, Henry Schutte, more than fifty years ago. At first it was little more than a cabinet maker's or carpenter's shop. Henry Schutte had his home on the same lot with his factory, and there his children were born and reared.

Henry Schutte was born in Germany in 1839 of Protestant German parents who spent their lives in the old country. He lived there until he was eighteen years of age, when he took passage on a sailing vessel and started for the United States. The boat encountered severe storms, and it was fourteen weeks before he was landed at New Orleans. From there he went up the river to St. Louis, and a few weeks later came to Quincy. Here he learned his trade in the furniture factory of Mr. Singer. When his apprenticeship days were finished he started on his own account at Eighth and Jackson streets, and two years later moved to the corner of Adams and Ninth streets. When he began work furniture making was almost entirely a hand process. When he did introduce machinery it was horse power and he continued to use horse driven machinery for twenty-five years. He was an expert workman, and took a great deal of care in turning out finished products, for which there was a demand as large as he could furnish. From time to time he introduced better machinery, and Mr. Louis Schutte about four years ago installed electric power in the factory.

Henry Schutte died November 28, 1910, at the age of seventy-two. After coming to Quincy he married Miss Rica Hagerbaumer. She was born in Germany in 1846 and was about ten or twelve years of age when her parents came to the United States and settled at Quincy. Her father, William Hagerbaumer, died in Quincy March 4, 1901, and her mother died here a number of years ago. They were members of the Salem Lutheran Church, as were Henry Schutte and wife. Mrs. Henry Schutte died June 1, 1907. All these older people are now at rest in the Green Mount Cemetery.

Henry Schutte and wife had nine children, two of whom, Frank and Emma, died in childhood. Henry, Jr., is now a farmer on South Twenty-fourth Street in Adams County and has two sons, Walter and Gustave. Edward is also a farmer, living on North Thirty-sixth Street, and has two sons, Edwin and



Arthur, Edwin being a soldier. The next in age is Mr. Louis Schutte. William, formerly associated as one of Henry Schutte Sons, is a resident of Quincy and is the father of five sons, Alfred, Irwin, Elmer, Clarence and Earl, Alfred being in the National Army. Lena is the wife of William Miller, a farmer in Payson Township of this county, and they have nine children. Charles is a woodworker living in Quincy and has a family. Anna married Louis Reicksick, an Adams County farmer, and they have two sons and a daughter.

Mr. Louis Schutte was born at the old home, on the site of his present furniture factory, December 9, 1868. As he grew to manhood he was educated in the city schools, and served a thorough apprenticeship at the cabinet making and furniture trade. Between the ages of seventeen and twenty he worked in the Locher furniture factory. He then joined his cousin, William Schutte, in the old plant of his father, and they were actively associated from 1897 until 1903. At that date William Schutte took over the business, and Louis Schutte remained in his employ until 1907. In that year Mr. Louis Schutte succeeded to the ownership, and has continued the business with increasing prosperity.

In 1893, at Quincy, Mr. Schutte married Miss Catherine Spilker. She was born in Quincy in August, 1869, and was reared and educated here. Her parents were William and Elizabeth Spilker, both natives of Germany, and coming to America when young. They were married in Quincy and her father died twenty-five years ago, while her mother is still living in Quincy at the age of seventy-seven. Mr. and Mrs. Schutte have one son, Louis H., who was born in this city July 11, 1901, and after completing his education in the grammar schools went to work for his father, and is now diligently acquiring a knowledge of the furniture manufacturing business. The family are all members of the Salem Lutheran Church. Mr. Schutte is a republican.

**WILLIAM H. HEIDBREDER.** The successful manufacturing enterprises in operation at Quincy have long been among the city's most important interests, and an old established house here is the Gem City Stove Manufacturing Company, with which William H. Heidbreder is secretary and has been identified continuously since 1886.

William H. Heidbreder was born at Quincy, Illinois, May 14, 1868. His parents were J. Herman and Anna (Junka) Heidbreder, who were the parents of eleven children, the survivors of the family being: Walter A., who is assistant cashier of the State Street Bank, Quincy; William H.; Mrs. Clara M. Sprick; Harry J., of Quincy; Minnie, now Mrs. Christopher Seifert, of Quincy; and Alma, who is the wife of M. M. Hess, of Canada. The parents of the above family were natives of Germany. In 1831 the father, then a boy, accompanied his parents to the United States and to Quincy, and shortly afterward was left an orphan. There are few of the older residents here who do not remember some of the hardships the youth bravely and courageously overcame and how his progress was steady in its path from a humble position to a foremost place among the city's most able and most respected citizenship. For a number of years he was cashier of the State Street Bank, of which he was one of the founders. He was a man of high principles and left an unblemished record behind him. He died in 1907.

William H. Heidbreder was educated in his native city, and on completing the public school course, spent a year in the Gem City Business College. In 1886 he entered the employ of the Gem City Stove Manufacturing Company as bookkeeper and has never since severed his relations, the esteem and confidence that he entertains for his associates of so many years standing being entirely reciprocated. Through one advance after another Mr. Heidbreder has become secretary of this large concern and is recognized as one of Quincy's stable business men.

William H. Heidbreder was married October 2, 1899, to Miss Anna C. Hoelscher, who was born at Quincy, a daughter of Bernard Hoelscher, one of the old and respected citizens. They have two children, a son and daughter:



Wm. H. Neiderman





Willis H. and Ruth Florence. Mr. Heidbreder and family are members of the Lutheran Memorial Church at Quincy. He is identified politically with the republican party because he is in sympathy with its principles, but he is not unduly active, as business interests him more than party struggles for public preferment, in which direction he has no ambition.

GEORGE W. MORGAN. Seventy years ago the Morgan family from Kentucky came into Adams County. There are several interesting personages of this name in the subsequent history of Richfield and adjoining townships, and it is also worth while to note in general the value of their residence and the effectiveness of their labors in reclaiming a large tract of land from the wilderness and in promoting those benefits which the people of the present generation enjoy. It cannot be too frequently emphasized that what is today is in a large degree the product of the past. Fertile fields, easily cultivated, and responding with huge crops, are in many cases a product of the most strenuous toil on the part of the first possessors of the land. George W. Morgan has a notable record himself as a clearer of land in Adams County. Many rich acres had the woods and brush removed, the stumps pulled and the wild soil tamed by his direct effort. That is not the least of his claims to distinction as one of the pioneers. Mr. Morgan has for many years lived retired from the heavy activities of farming, and is now a resident of Plainville.

He was born in LaRue County, Kentucky, September 3, 1835, and as a boy he doubtless saw many times the same scenes upon which Abraham Lincoln looked out as a child, since both were natives of the same county. His father, Charles Morgan, was born in the same County of Kentucky May 18, 1805. In 1847 he brought his family to Illinois, coming to Adams County from St. Louis. His wife's brother, Frank Gilkey, was at that time living in Richfield Township. Charles Morgan acquired a tract of 160 acres in section 17 of Richfield. This was heavily timbered land and he built a log house in which he lived until his death. In the meantime he had cleared up and put in cultivation fully fifty acres. He died February 21, 1897, in his eighty-second year. He was a member of the Christian Church and in politics a republican. In 1831 he married Nancy Redmond. She died April 20, 1839, the mother of five children, noted briefly as follows: Mary Jane, who married Joseph McMellen, and died when past sixty years of age; Julia Ann married Alexander Henry and died when past fifty; George W. is the third in age; John went to Kansas when a young man, and is now living in Los Angeles, California; Franklin also went to Kansas and died in that state when past seventy. On October 26, 1840, Charles Morgan married Elizabeth Gilkey. She was a remarkable woman in her vitality, and at her death March 19, 1907, was in her ninety-ninth year. Six children were born to her, but the only one to reach maturity was William, who lived a bachelor and died at the home of his brother George in Richfield Township March 28, 1914. He was born January 6, 1843.

All the four sons of Charles Morgan just mentioned were soldiers in the Union army. Frank and George W. were together as comrades in Company F of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Infantry, spent much of their time at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and were discharged on the same day. The brother John served in the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Illinois and was with the army until the close of hostilities. The half-brother, William, went into the army at the last call in 1864, and remained until the close. None of the boys were ever wounded or captured.

George W. Morgan was a boy when brought to Adams County, and he grew up on the pioneer farm in Richfield Township. He and his brother William finally bought out the interests of the other heirs and owned the homestead. Later George bought out his brother's interest, and eventually increased his holdings until he had 200 acres. He used the strength of his early days for clearing up much land. He bought at first thirty acres of timber, cleared it off, then bought another thirty acres, and in time a large and well proportioned

farm had responded to his efforts. Mr. Morgan put down an artesian well on his farm, to a depth of 202 feet, and had an unfailing supply of water thirty feet from the surface. It is one of the best wells in the entire township. Of the 120 acres contained in the old homestead Mr. Morgan has since made a gift of that to his adopted son Fred Morgan, who still owns and occupies it. Mr. Morgan for fifty years lived on the eighty acres of his own purchase, adjoining the homestead. His son Fred has built a fine home on the old place, and has increased his holdings to 205 acres. Mr. George W. Morgan erected a good set of buildings on his place. Six years ago he left it to live retired in Plainville. He has always been a steadfast republican. His father was a democrat until the Civil war, and then went over with all his influence and convictions into the republican ranks.

At the age of twenty-four Mr. Morgan married Adeline Cleveland of Richfield Township. She died when about thirty years of age, and none of her children reached maturity. On May 28, 1882, Mr. Morgan married Lydia Haws. She was born in West Virginia March 12, 1850, and came to Plainville with her parents at the age of seventeen. She was a daughter of George and Eve Haws, the former a carpenter, and both of whom died at Plainville. Mr. Morgan has no living children and his adopted son Fred came into the Morgan home at infancy at the death of his mother. Fred was a son of John and Melissa (Cleveland) Proctor. He was carefully reared and trained, and some years ago received as his personal property the fine old Morgan homestead. Mr. Morgan presented him with that property about the time of his marriage. Fred Morgan married Maud House, and they have three sons: George Olan, now a student in the Illinois State University; Kenneth, a student in Chaddock Boys School at Quincy; and Fred, who was born October 8, 1916.

Mr. George W. Morgan has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Richfield for sixty-five years, and his wife is also a member of the same church. He is affiliated with William Larimore Post of the Grand Army at Plainville.

JULIUS C. STUCKMAN, a wholesale grocer of Quincy, was a boy when his father died, and immediately had to turn his energies to account in helping support his widowed mother and brothers and sisters. Even as a boy he manifested a keen ability as a trader, and has practically always been a business man. However, he had to work hard and exercise constant ingenuity and thrift in order to unlock the door of success. He was an employee for many years, made good in all his positions, and finally established himself in business. He started with a modest stock and in quarters only half the size of his present establishment, and has more than doubled his trade and has earned a comfortable competence.

His establishment is located at the corner of Ninth and State streets, in a building 62 by 80 feet. As a jobber he distributes goods among the retail merchants of a large surrounding territory.

Mr. Stuckman was born on Washington Street in Quincy October 18, 1877, and had a public school education only a few years. Before he was sixteen years old he went to work in the wholesale firm of J. A. Kesphol & Company, and during the next four years acquired much knowledge and experience that have been of value to him. He was then with the Warfield Grocery Company about a year, until the firm sold out to the Quincy Grocery Company. A little later he entered the service of Nicholas Kohl, a wholesale grocer, and was in his employ for nearly eighteen years as a salesman. His savings and his experience with this firm he capitalized when he went into business for himself.

His father, August Stuckman, was born in Preis Minden, Germany, in 1850. His parents were German Lutherans and both died in the old country when he was a small boy. At the age of fourteen he came to the United States alone to join his two brothers, Henry and Simon, who left the old country in order to avoid enforced military duty and located in Quincy. Here all the brothers



spent the rest of their years. Henry and Simon never married. August Stuckman completed his education after coming to Quincy, attending night school, and for a time worked as foreman for a large coal company, and later was salesman for the wholesale firm of Feckler & Figgan. He was with them steadily for twelve years, and was on a fair road toward prosperity when he was taken ill and died in 1887, at the age of thirty-seven. He was a Lutheran and very active in Odd Fellowship circles. In politics he voted as a republican. August Stuckman married in Quincy Lotta Meyer. Her parents came from Germany. She is still living at the age of sixty-six and is a member of the Salem Lutheran Church. Her children were: Lenna, wife of Fred Westerman and the mother of two children, Alvin and Meryle; Julius C.; Charles, who died young; Matilda wife of William Waldhouse, of Quincy; Charles, second of the name, who also died young; August W., who is living in Quincy and is married; Edward W., who makes his home with his brother Julius; and Walter, who died in boyhood.

May 12, 1903, at Quincy, Julius C. Stuckman married Matilda Holtman. She was born on Jefferson Street in Quincy and was well educated while growing to womanhood. Her parents, William and Henrietta (Stucksick) Holtman, were born in Prussia, Germany, and came to this country when young, being married in St. Louis, and soon afterwards removing to Quincy, where they are still living, her father at the age of eighty-one and her mother at seventy-nine. They are members of the Salem-Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Stuckman have a daughter, May Matilda, born August 25, 1909, who has exemplified unusual scholarship and is now a student in the fourth grade of the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Stuckman are members of the Salem Lutheran Church. He is affiliated with the Travelers Protective Association.

EDWIN MERLE OGLE. For thirty years the business of the railroad company at Paloma has been transacted through the medium of the Ogle family. Thomas P. Ogle was operator and station agent there twenty years, and Edwin Merle Ogle succeeded to those responsibilities and has been in active charge of the railway station for the past ten years.

Edwin Merle Ogle was born at Paloma December 12, 1888, son of Thomas P. Ogle. The latter was born half a mile south of Paloma, and married Lulu Hayden of New Canton, formerly of New London, Missouri. Thomas P. Ogle began his work as a railway employe at New Canton in Pike County, Illinois, and three or four years later was transferred to Paloma, where he was railway agent and operator from 1887 to 1908. He lives in Quincy.

Edwin Merle Ogle attended the Maplewood High School at Camp Point, and had some unusual opportunities to acquire a knowledge of telegraphy, since he spent much of his time as a boy around the station with his father. For a time he served as night operator under his father, and six months later became successor to the business at Paloma. He is active in all local affairs, is treasurer of the local chapter of the Red Cross and a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Ogle married April 5, 1916, Miss Golden Yeargain. Mrs. Ogle is a daughter of T. M. Yeargain and a member of that old and prominent family of Adams County, the complete records of the Yeargains being found on other pages.

WILLIAM D. MEYER is one of the leading manufacturers of and dealers in lime, crushed limestone, cement and other building materials, as well as wood and coal, at Quincy. The manufacture of lime has been associated with the Meyer family at Quincy for over fifty years, his father having conducted some of the pioneer lime kilns in Adams County.

Quincy is the birthplace of William D. Meyer, where he was born September 11, 1870. He and his brother and sister were born opposite the old City Market at 622 Payson Street. His parents were William D. and Mary Meyer. His father was born near Berlin, Germany, and grew to manhood there, where he learned the trade of making rye coffee. At the age of twenty-one he came to

the United States and found employment near Quincy as a farm laborer. He also worked in a local pork packing establishment for a time. In 1860 he began burning lime on the hills along the Mississippi River. One of his old lime kilns is still standing. He also handled imported cement, and was active in the business until he retired on account of failing health and in 1891 gave his son William a start in the same business. He died February 9, 1903, lacking only a few days of the age of seventy years. He married in Quincy Mary Benhoff Giesecke, who was born in Westphalia, Germany, and came to America when a young woman. She celebrated her eighty-eighth birthday on May 22, 1918. She lost her first husband, Mr. Giesecke, and several of her children during the terrible cholera epidemic at St. Louis in 1848-49. By her marriage to William D. Meyer, Sr., she had three children: Julia, wife of Fred Dralle of 804 Payson Avenue in Quincy, and mother of two daughters, Mary and Lillian; and August F., who is a farmer in Ellington Township of this county and has two children, Harvey and Ella.

William D. Meyer was educated in the public schools of Quincy, and at the age of fourteen went to work learning the cooper's trade. He was employed for a time making barrels for his father, and at the age of seventeen was put in charge of the business as superintendent. Then in 1891 his father gave him a start in the business by establishing him in partnership with Mr. J. E. Koch in the lime business. This partnership was continued for ten years, at the end of which time Mr. Meyer bought out Mr. Koch and at his father's death acquired the interests of the other heirs and merged the two plants. He now has facilities for the manufacture of great quantities of crushed limestone, of commercial lime and of general building material products. Mr. Meyer gives much credit for the success of his business to his office manager and the latter's daughter, who is the efficient bookkeeper of the establishment.

Mr. Meyer married Ella E. King, who was born in Quincy, daughter of Michael King, a farmer of Melrose Township. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have four children: William F., who lives in Quincy and is married and has two children; Elmer, who was educated in St. Francis College and is a member of the Meyer & Peters Cement Construction Company; Ruth, who was educated in the city schools and the Gem City Business College and is now bookkeeper in the Illinois State Bank of Quincy; and Dolly, a student in the Gem City Business College. Mr. Meyer is a republican and is affiliated with Lambert Lodge No. 659, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, with the Royal Arch Chapter and with the Consistory, and his wife is a member of the Eastern Star. He was formerly affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is also a member of the Travelers Protective Association.

JOSEPH J. LUSK. Everyone knows in a general way the revolutionary changes effected by the introduction of horseless carriages as a means of transportation. But perhaps no resident of Quincy appreciates these changes more thoroughly from experience than Joseph J. Lusk, the veteran liveryman. Mr. Lusk entered the livery business at Quincy nearly forty years ago. He built up a splendid business, with the best of equipment and some of the finest of horses, and he sustained it successfully when his active competitors numbered almost a score. It is his distinction that he and one other man alone have survived the competition of the automobile, and today the only real livery establishment that does not also boast a sign as a garage is that of Lusk, at 438 North Sixth Avenue.

For a quarter of a century he has had his location in that district of the city. At one time he maintained a large barn 50 by 180 feet. When driving was one of the most popular pastimes he kept tallyhos and was also secretary of the Gentlemen's Driving Club at Quincy during the five years of its existence. The president of the club during that time was John Wisdom. Mr. Lusk was for twelve years secretary and treasurer of the Liverymen's Association of Quincy, from the time it was organized until it went out of existence.



These clubs and associations served their time and went down as a result of the coming of the automobile. Mr. Lusk states that at one time Quincy had fifteen livery barns. Then as now it was Mr. Lusk's pride and ambition to serve his customers with the very best of rigs and be able to supply a service unexcelled in every point.

Mr. Lusk came to Quincy in 1879, and for several years was a buyer and dealer in horses. He was associated with the well known old horseman of Quincy E. K. Sweet, and later bought Sweet's interest and establishment.

Mr. Lusk was born in Ohio March 16, 1843, but when six years of age his parents moved to Pike County, Illinois, where he grew up and received his early education. His first occupation was that of druggist. He learned pharmacy in every detail and in 1875 moved from Pittfield, Illinois, to Camp Point in Adams County, and for the next four years was proprietor of the leading drug store of that town. Even after coming to Quincy he was for several years in the drug business.

Mr. Lusk is honored as a veteran of the Civil war. He was a youth at the time and weighed less than 100 pounds, but managed to get enrolled in Company D of the Seventh Illinois Infantry and did clerical service until the close of the war, and his honorable discharge. He is an honored member of John Wood Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and is affiliated with the Elks Lodge of Quincy.

While a resident of Camp Point Mr. Lusk married in Quincy Mary Aron. She was born in Adams County, and was reared and educated here, her parents being early settlers. Mr. and Mrs. Lusk have two children: John J. and Genevieve Aron. The son was educated in the Quincy High School and in the State University and is now doing a large business as a traveling salesman for the Globe Wernicke Company, well known manufacturers of library and office furniture. The territory he covers is through the Central West, including Illinois, Missouri and Northern Michigan. He is unmarried and is a prominent Mason, being a member of the Scottish Rite Commandery and the Temple of the Shrine at Springfield.

The daughter, Genevieve, graduated from the Quincy High School in 1909, spent one year in a finishing school in Virginia, and received her degree from the Illinois State University in 1917. She is now doing Government work as assistant county adviser of Domestic Science and Home Economics. Mr. Lusk is also affiliated with Bodley Lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

**JUDGE SAMUEL ALEXANDER HUBBARD.** An able and accomplished member of the Illinois bar, devoted to his profession, Judge Samuel Alexander Hubbard, of Quincy, has ever directed his mental and legal equipments to the benefit of his many clients, and now controls a large business, which is constantly increasing in extent and importance. A son of William J. Hubbard, he was born in Johnson County, Illinois, near Goreville.

Born in Alabama, October 2, 1837, William J. Hubbard was brought by his parents to Illinois when a child, and as a young man settled on a farm in the near vicinity of Goreville, where he was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years. He married Rhoda Ann Escue, a native of Tennessee, and of the eleven children born of their union Samuel A., the subject of this brief review, was the eighth child in succession of birth.

After completing the course of study in the public schools Samuel A. Hubbard entered the State Normal School at Carbondale, and was there graduated from the Latin and English department with the class of 1893. Having previously decided upon a professional career, he spent the ensuing three years reading law under the preceptorship of Judge F. M. Youngblood, of Carbondale, a lawyer of prominence, and in 1895, at Mount Vernon, was admitted to the Illinois bar. In February, 1896, Judge Hubbard located at Mount Sterling, this state, where he built up a fine practice, being associated while there with various attorneys at different times, among them having been George

H. Lee, Wilson M. Reid, and former state's attorney W. I. Manny. His success as a lawyer and his popularity as a man and a citizen was made evident in 1902, when he was elected judge of the County Court of Brown County, a position of importance which he filled satisfactorily for four years. After coming to Quincy the judge was for a time associated in practice with the well-known lawyer H. E. Schmiedeskamp.

Judge Hubbard married October 11, 1898, at Redfield, Iowa, Phebe Hammond. She was born in Earlville, La Salle County, Illinois, a daughter of Prof. H. E. and Azelia (Richardson) Hammond, and comes of early and honored New England ancestry. Her father, a well-known educator, has rendered most excellent and efficient service as principal of different public schools. Five children have blessed the union of Judge and Mrs. Hubbard, namely: Karl, of Quincy; Vera; a boy that died in infancy; Lois; and Ruth.

Politically Judge Hubbard invariably supports the principles of the democratic party. He is a member of the State Bar Association and of the County Judge Association. The judge is prominently identified with many of the leading fraternal organizations, being a thirty-second degree Mason; a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of the Daughters of Rebekah; of the Knights of Pythias; the Modern Woodmen of America; the Loyal Order of Moose; the Order of Eagles; and the Stags. He also belongs to the South Side Boat Club.

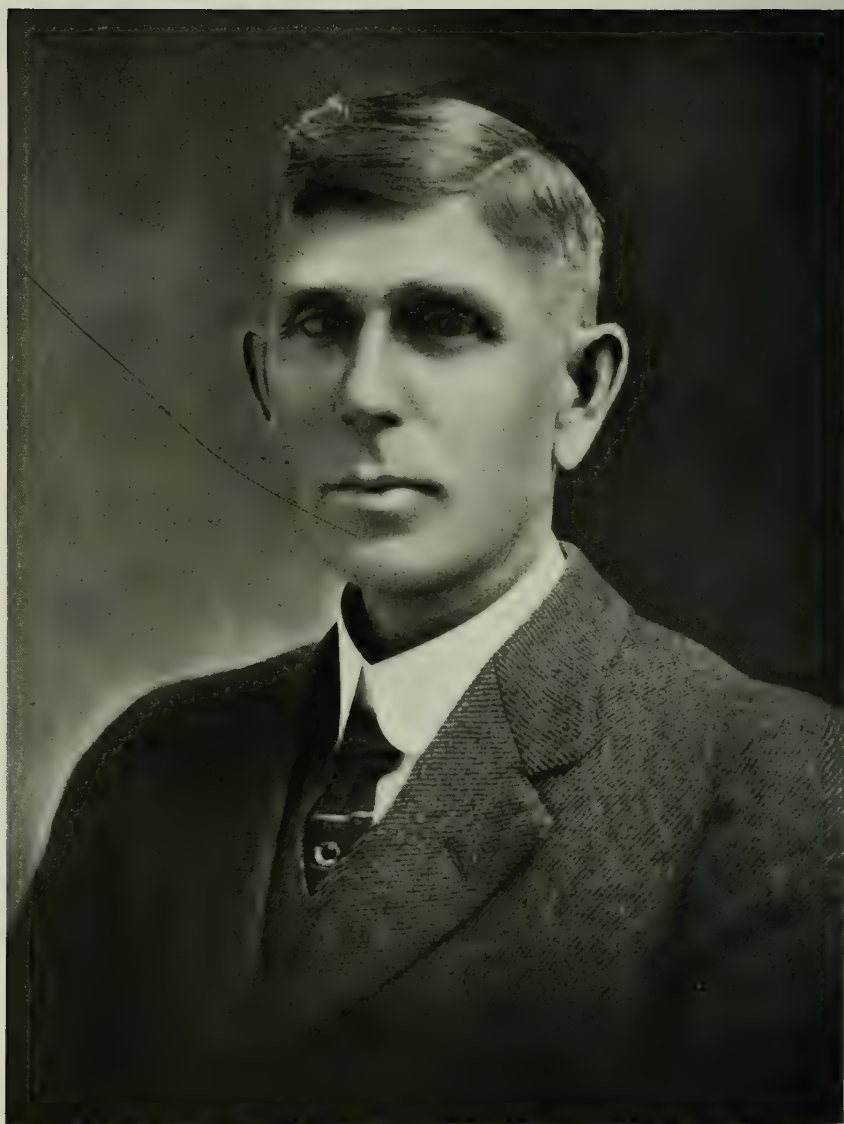
**GEORGE WOOD GOVERT.** The name Govert has enjoyed a place of exceptional prominence in the Adams County Bar for a long period of years. George W. Govert himself is one of the younger lawyers, but no less successful because his experience covers a shorter term of years than some of his professional brethren. He is a son of one of the veteran lawyers of Quincy, William H. Govert.

William H. Govert, his father, was born at Fort Madison, Iowa, September 10, 1844, but grew up on an Illinois farm. He graduated with honors from Illinois College at Jacksonville in 1867, and in 1870 took his law degree from the University of Michigan. On being admitted to the bar he located at Quincy, where he formed a partnership with Joseph N. Carter under the name Carter & Govert. By the admission of Judge Joseph Sidley the firm became Sidley, Carter & Govert, and in 1888 Theodore B. Pape went into the firm, succeeding Judge Sidley. As Carter, Govert & Pape the firm was continued until Judge Carter's election to the Illinois Supreme bench in 1894. In 1872 William H. Govert was elected city attorney of Quincy, and in 1876 succeeded Judge W. G. Ewing as state's attorney of Adams County. With the exception of those two positions his time and energies have been chiefly taken up with the private practice of law and the management of extensive business interests. At different times he was connected as an officer and director with the Collins Plow Company, the J. R. Little Metal Wheel Company, the Quincy Corn Planter Company, the Gem City Stove Company, the Quincy Engine Works, the F. W. Menke Stone & Lime Company, the State Street Bank, the Ricker National Bank and the Quincy National Bank. September 25, 1873, William H. Govert married Miss Rosa F. Wood, of Jacksonville, Illinois. They were the parents of three children, George Wood, Anna, wife of Herschel Earhart, of Quincy, and Edith, wife of Boyd Castle.

George Wood Govert was born at his mother's old home in Jacksonville, Illinois, June 24, 1874. He attended the Quincy public schools and in 1895 graduated from his father's alma mater, Illinois College. He received his A. B. degree from Yale University in 1896, and in 1900 completed the law course and was given the LL. B. degree by the University of Michigan. On returning to Quincy he took up practice with his father and became junior member of the firm Govert, Pape & Govert. About 1908 this firm was dissolved and he has since practiced as head of the firm Govert & Lancaster. He is also president of the Collins Plow Company and vice president of the Gem City Stove







*John W. Henry*

Manufacturing Company. He has one child, a son, George, Jr., of high school age.

**JAMES M. BUFFINGTON.** The service by which James M. Buffington is best known throughout Adams County is his long continuance in the office of county recorder, the duties and responsibilities of which have been borne by him with utmost efficiency for ten consecutive years. Prior to coming to the courthouse Mr. Buffington was a successful teacher, and was also supervisor from his native township.

He was born in Beverly Township of Adams County May 13, 1872, a son of Oliver P. and Elizabeth (Penny) Buffington. His father, who was born at Chambersburg, Pike County, Illinois, in 1832, has spent his long and industrious career as a practical farmer and is now living retired in Beverly Township at the age of eighty-five. The mother, who was born at Whitehall Plantation in Louisiana, died December 25, 1898. In their family were eleven children: George W., of Barry, Illinois; Jennie, living at home; Lilly, deceased; John, of Hamlet, Nebraska; Oliver P., Jr., a farmer in Beverly Township; Ray, deceased; James M.; Harry, of Sparkman, Arkansas; Bert H., of Pike County, Illinois; William, of Beverly Township; and Sidney C., of Beverly Township.

James M. Buffington grew up on his father's farm, and is one of the farmer boys of the county who have been promoted to positions of executive trust and responsibility. He attended local schools until he was seventeen and then went to teaching, a vocation he followed eight years. His fellow townsmen in Beverly Township elected him supervisor, and the four years spent in that office gave him much experience in handling public affairs. Mr. Buffington was elected county recorder in 1908, and by repeated re-elections his administration of the affairs of office has been endorsed and his further tenure of office is subject almost entirely to his own will and judgment, since his popular support is thoroughly united and sufficient to give him a majority whenever he appears as a candidate.

Mr. Buffington has been an active worker in democratic ranks, is a member of the Masonic Order and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In May, 1905, he married Miss Ethel Kelly, also a native of Beverly Township. They are the parents of two children, Elizabeth and Ray Monroe.

**JOHN WILLIAM HENRY.** Sixteen miles northeast of Quincy and a mile south of the village of Paloma is one of the most complete and adequate farm homes in Adams County. It has a situation convenient to everything, has fertile land, long and capably tilled and with resources carefully conserved, and in the aggregate represents the labors and the good judgment of its owner, John William Henry, whose name further serves to recall one of the old established families of the county.

Mr. Henry was born in Liberty Township of this county April 8, 1863, a son of Alexander and Julia A. (Morgan) Henry. Alexander Henry was born in Londonderry County, Ireland, in 1820. At about the age of twenty, in company with a sister Jane, he came to the United States and soon afterward located at Quincy. His sister about 1842 became the wife of John Callahan. She spent the rest of her life in Adams County. Alexander Henry was employing himself as a farm hand, but had made little progress toward independence when in 1850 he joined several other young men on a partnership basis and together they acquired an equipment of five yoke of oxen and wagons and other facilities and started overland for California. They made the journey in the summer, and encountered many Indians and buffalo, but had no serious dangers attending their progress. One of their oxen, which had become footsore, they sold to an Indian for \$5. On arriving in California Alexander Henry worked in mines one year, and afterwards had a claim which netted him \$40 a day. This was really fictitious prosperity, and at the end of eighteen months, when he returned, he brought back just about as much as he could have earned



and saved had he stayed in Adams County. The return voyage was made by the way of the Isthmus of Panama. His ship was becalmed six weeks in the Pacific and provisions became scarce and he anticipated starvation before he would see land. He walked partly across the Isthmus and was carried by boat down the Chagres River. Passing the Gulf of New Orleans, he came up the Mississippi and was on the Mississippi at a period of high waters and during an epidemic of cholera. On reaching St. Louis the waters were so high that all business along Front Street was contracted in the second stories of the buildings. Returning to Adams County, Alexander Henry bought land three miles southeast of Liberty, what is now known as the Lew Miller farm. It was partly improved and under his labor and management it became a really first class farm. In 1879 he bought the David Pierce farm in Gilmer Township, ten miles from Quincy. He was occupied with many large interests in his later years, and finally retired to Quincy, where he died July 24, 1895, when seventy-five years of age. He had married Julia A. Morgan upon his return from California. She survived him ten years and died at the age of seventy-two. Alexander Henry used his surplus means in later years to make judicious loans which largely increased his capital. He served as supervisor of Liberty Township, was a democrat in politics, and always liberal in support of church and charitable enterprises. He and his wife had seven children: Rachael, who died at the age of sixty-two, the wife of Thomas D. Pierce; Charles M., who lives at Paloma; Mary, wife of O. H. Lawless, of Paloma; John William; Anna, wife of W. O. Washburn of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth, who for many years taught school and is now a professional librarian; and Harriet, a graduate in medicine who formerly practiced in Quincy and is now the wife of Dr. W. B. Short, of Peoria, Illinois.

John W. Henry has always kept pretty close to the scenes and activities of his boyhood, and has had little disposition to seek the excitement and adventure of distant scenes. He was reared and educated in Adams County and lived at home to the age of twenty-six, being a partner with his father four years. At that time his father bought 240 acres known as the Cumberland Samuels farm in Gilmer Township, and the son took the active management for three years. At the end of that time he became owner of 160 acres, while his sister in Pennsylvania owns the remaining eighty. Mr. Henry has steadily improved and increased the value of this farm, and one of the most recent additions to its comfort is the good home that was built in 1917. Mr. Henry may be said to specialize in Jersey Red hogs, and for a number of years has marketed between 100 and 200 head. He also keeps cattle and turns off about a carload every year. He is a democratic voter without any personal interest in politics.

At the age of twenty-eight Mr. Henry married Mary Horn, daughter of Peter G. and Drusilla (Stahl) Horn. Her parents had a farm three miles north of Fowler in Honey Creek Township and both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Henry have one son, Charles S., who is still at home. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Paloma and Mr. Henry is one of the church trustees.

CARL EDWIN EPLER has been a member of the Quincy bar continuously since 1880, though through a wide range of services his name has become familiar to the profession all over the state. He was one of the leaders in organizing the Adams County Bar Association, and has for many years been a member of the Illinois State Bar Association.

He is a son of the late Judge Cyrus Epler, who for nearly a quarter of a century was on the Circuit Bench in Morgan County, and his was one of the most honored names in the Jacksonville bar. Judge Cyrus Epler was born in Indiana November 12, 1823, came to Illinois at an early age, and after his admission to the bar rapidly gained distinction both in his profession and in politics. He was a member of the State Legislature. From 1872 to 1897, a period of twenty-

five years, he was judge of the Circuit Court at Jacksonville. He continued practice until a year before his death, which occurred July 9, 1909, at the age of eighty-seven. Judge Cyrus Epler married Cornelia M. Nettleton, who was born in Ohio in 1834, daughter of Dr. Clark Nettleton. Judge Epler and wife were married in 1852 and their companionship was not broken until his death more than fifty-five years later. Mrs. Cyrus Epler died in March, 1916.

Carl Edwin Epler was born at Jacksonville, Illinois, November 20, 1857, the third among the seven children of his parents. He grew up in Jacksonville, finished his work in the local public schools, graduated from Illinois College in 1876 as valedictorian of the class, and then for one year was a student in Yale University, from which he received his Master's degree in 1877 and the degree of LL. B. at Michigan University in 1879. He was admitted to the Illinois bar in June, 1879, and in 1880 came to Quincy. The next year he was elected city attorney, an office he filled three years. From 1886 to 1889 Judge Epler was a partner of Col. William Berry, one of the honored members of the Adams County Bar who died May 6, 1895. Among other noteworthy items of Mr. Epler's career it should be mentioned that he was compiler of the Quincy City Code of 1885. As city attorney he also handled some important litigation, including the city bond cases and the old waterworks contract, and not only carefully safeguarded the interests of the city but secured new and more favorable agreements. He was also instrumental in police court reform, and drafted the ordinance which made the police magistrate a salaried officer instead of being paid by fees. It was due to Mr. Epler that Quincy first floated a refunding bond issue of \$150,000 at the then remarkably low rate of interest of 4½ per cent.

Mr. Epler was elected state's attorney of Adams County in 1891 to fill the unexpired term of O. P. Bonney. While in that office he conducted the prosecution of W. J. Jamieson for the murder of Charles Aaron. This case was finally carried to the Illinois Supreme Court, but the conviction was sustained and Jamieson was hanged. Mr. Epler was also the principal in the conduct of the noted Knox case, which involved a shooting affray, and the several perjury cases which grew out of it.

In 1894 he was elected county judge of Adams County, and after a service of four years was re-elected in 1898 for a second time. His nomination to the county judgeship in 1894 was more than an ordinary event in local politics, since he defeated within his party a man who had served as county judge continuously for seventeen years. Recognition of Mr. Epler's judicial qualifications was not confined to Adams County, and for several years at various times he was called to sit temporarily as county judge in tax cases in Cook County, Illinois. One of the distinctions of his official term is that he was the first judge in the state to pass on the validity of the inheritance tax law. His decision upheld that law and was subsequently affirmed by the Supreme Court. Judge Epler has been interested in various phases of reform and improvement of court procedure and methods, and the profession has generally given him credit for passage of bills urged by the County and Probate Judges Association, as a result of which the time for filing of claims against estates and for contesting wills was reduced to one year.

On retiring from his office of county judge Mr. Epler resumed private practice in January, 1903. He is a man of many interests both in and out of his profession, is fond of boating and automobiling, is a member of the Episcopal Church, a democrat in politics and has affiliation with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men and other orders.

ELMER LUMMIS. The appointment of Elmer Lummis to the office of postmaster at Quincy was based on merit and full qualifications for that office. It is an ideal seldom realized in the civil service system when promotion from one grade to the highest grade becomes possible, and in the case of Mr. Lum-



mis it has occurred. He went into the Quincy postoffice as a minor employe under civil service rules more than twenty years ago, and has covered practically every part of the service by practical experience. During his long connection with the postoffice he has seen the introduction of many of its most important improvements, including free delivery, the inauguration of the parcel post service, postal savings and other features that have done much to broaden and extend the usefulness of the postal department.

Mr. Lummis was born on a farm in Gilmer Township of Adams County April 17, 1871, a son of Joseph and Sarah (Lawless) Lummis, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Grant County, Kentucky. Both families were pioneers of Adams County, the Lawless family locating here as early as 1831 in Gilmer Township. Mr. Lummis' father died at the age of seventy-five, and the mother is still living at the venerable age of eighty-six. Joseph Lummis was a widely known man in Adams County, filled various minor offices, and from 1868 to 1870 was county treasurer. He and his wife had a large family of ten children: Margaret, widow of Leroy Meyers, of Gilmer township; Henry Frank, who is manager of the Collins Supply Company at Quincy; James P., a resident of Augusta, Hancock County, Illinois; Mary, wife of Edward Sivertson, of Paloma, Illinois; Emma, wife of B. F. Cate, who occupies the old Lummis farm, is township supervisor and deputy sheriff; John L., a merchant at Loraine; Joseph Howard, of Paloma; Elmer; and Lilly and John, both of whom died in childhood.

Mr. Elmer Lummis remained at home with his father until he was twenty-one. At that time the old farm was sold and Elmer, going to Columbus, Illinois, had experience in merchandising for ten months. Returning to Quincy he was shipping clerk with the Lummis Implement Company for a year. On January 20, 1894, he took the civil service examination for a position as clerk in the Quincy postoffice. This was a special examination, and thirty-four took it, Mr. Lummis being one of the three highest in standing. He was then appointed to a minor clerkship and began his duties February 15, 1894. Since that date all his work and interests have centered at the postoffice and he has filled nearly every department. His last subordinate position was in charge of the stamp and registry division. Mr. Lummis was appointed postmaster by President Wilson on May 1, 1915.

March 16, 1898, he married Josie Gray, a native of Adams County and a daughter of former sheriff Richard Gray of this county. They have two sons, Joseph Gray and Harold Elmer. Mr. Lummis is a democrat, a member of the Masonic order and is on the official board of the Vermont Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

WILL H. SOHM has a career of special interest to Quincy people because of his prominence in theatrical movements, and especially as associate director and manager of the Belasco Theater.

He is member of an old and prominent family of the city, and was born here June 2, 1872, son of Edward Sohm, the Quincy banker, whose career is sketched on other pages.

Will H. Sohm graduated from St. Francis College in the classical course at the age of eighteen and soon afterward became connected with his father in the latter's china and glassware establishment. He made a good business record, but part of his time for twenty years was spent in promoting with an unusual degree of success both amateur and semi-professional theatricals. The theatrical business is his real forte, and he has shown exceptional judgment and gained a notable success during his management of the fine Quincy house of amusement above named.

Mr. Sohm is independent in politics, with his family is a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church and is a member of the Rotary Club of Quincy.

September 11, 1896, Mr. Sohm married Rose Granacher, a native of Quincy.



They have one son, Herbert B., born October 21, 1898, and now a student of Creighton University at Omaha, Nebraska, and in active military training.

**WILLIAM E. KENDALL.** The transfer business in a city of the size and importance of Quincy necessarily is an important one, second only as regards public convenience to railroad transportation service. For thirteen years, more or less continuously, William E. Kendall, a well known business man and a prominent political force of this city, has been identified with the transfer business, and during the most of this time has been the owner of the Quincy Transfer Company.

William E. Kendall was born at Quincy, Illinois, December 1, 1860. His parents were Franklin C. and Sarah (McCormick) Kendall, and his paternal grandfather was Lewis Kendall. The latter came to Adams County, Illinois, in 1845, one of the early pioneers in the section, and his cabin was the first house in the county built north of Quincy. He developed a farm from the wilderness and lived on the same until his death. Franklin C. Kendall was born in Ohio, came early from Warren County in that state to Adams County and died here in 1898. He married Sarah McCormick, who was born in Pennsylvania and died in Adams County in 1896. They had five children, namely: John F., who is deceased; William E.; Harry, who is a resident of Kansas City and an engineer on the Quincy & Kansas City Railway; Luella, who is the wife of Z. A. Lear, at Santa Barbara, California; and Minnie, who died in 1895.

William E. Kendall had educational advantages that included a public school course and one in a business college, and when eighteen years old learned telegraphy and in 1880 secured a position as night clerk in the freight house of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railway, and after leaving the yards was ear accountant for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road, which had absorbed the former railway. In 1889 Mr. Kendall was made baggage master and when he retired from railroad life he had twenty-two years of honorable and appreciated service behind him and friends among the traveling public all over the country.

In 1905 Mr. Kendall embarked in the transfer business, and during the next six years built up the Quincy Transfer Company into one of the important business mediums of the city, sparing no pains to make it reliable and efficient. At that time symptoms of failing health caused him to dispose of it for a time, but in 1914, with health re-established, he bought the business once more and with increased facilities has operated it ever since, his stables and garage being situated at 118-120 South Fourth Street, Quincy.

In the meanwhile Mr. Kendall had entered politics and his sterling character soon induced his political friends in the republican party to urge his election as alderman from the first ward, and to this civic position he was elected in 1893 and served continuously for the following eight years. During the entire period his public spirit and interest as a citizen never failed, while his sturdy support of commendable measures made him an unusually valuable public servant.

Mr. Kendall was married June 1, 1884, to Miss Katherine Bower, a native of Illinois, and they have one son, Marcellus E., who was born July 3, 1888. Mr. Kendall has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for many years and belongs also to the Royal Arcanum and the Court of Honor.

**FREDERICK WILLIAM F. SCHMIEDESKAMP.** As the Schmiedeskamps have been identified with Quincy and Adams County for over seventy years, most people are familiar with the name and are also appreciative of the many excellent qualities in the citizenship of Frederick William F. Schmiedeskamp, who is now living retired in Quincy, and was formerly in the stove manufacturing business in that city and still later a farmer.

Mr. Schmiedeskamp was born in Westphalia, Germany, June 26, 1841. In

March, 1846, his parents, Frederick William and Wilhelmina Henrietta (Brand) Schmiedeskamp, set out for America. Their proposed destination was Galveston, Texas. They reached New Orleans, and there were given the information that Galveston had neither churches nor schools, being a somewhat remote and pioneer community, and they therefore changed their minds and came up to Quincy instead. Along with them and from the same locality of Germany came Gottlieb Horning and family, Mr. Brockschmidt, William Meise and several others. Mr. Brockschmidt settled on a farm on Mill Creek. Mr. Horning was a blacksmith and had a shop in Quincy. Mr. Meise also remained in Quincy, where his daughter Charlotta became Mrs. Pfanschmidt and another daughter became the wife of Doctor Schmidt.

William Fred Schmiedeskamp was a mason by trade and for many years was a successful building contractor in Quincy. He built the old home on Fifth Street adjoining the Horning residence. He was also contractor in the building of the old Salem Lutheran Church on Seventh and Jersey streets. He put up many residences in and around Quincy. His later home was on Fifth between Ohio Street and Payson Avenue, and he lived there until his death at the age of seventy-two. His widow survived him about twenty years and passed away at the age of eighty-three. He was a strong republican in politics, began voting as soon as he could acquire American citizenship, and was deeply interested in democratic processes, though he was never an aspirant for public office. He was one of the leading members of the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, at first worshiping in the church which he erected and later in that at State and Ninth streets. He was an officer for many years in the church. His life career might largely be described by three interests, his home, his business and his church. He and his wife had only two children to reach maturity and they are still living, Frederick W. F. and August, the latter occupying the old home in Quincy.

Frederick W. F. Schmiedeskamp after getting his education in the local schools served an apprenticeship of three years learning the molder's trade. After that he worked eighteen years at the trade and about 1870 became a stockholder in the Excelsior Stove Works, now one of the largest companies of its kind in Quincy. About 1884 Mr. Schmiedeskamp moved to a farm in Concord Township, four and a half miles southwest of Clayton Village and five miles southeast of Camp Point. He acquired 239 acres, and made of it as good a farm as could be found in that locality. He still owns 235 acres. It has been improved by the erection of a new house, various barns and other buildings. Mr. Schmiedeskamp directed its productive activities for twenty-five years, but since 1909 has been retired. His son John now handles the farm. Mr. Schmiedeskamp built his comfortable city home at 308 North Twenty-fourth Street. He has used his capital to invest in and handle a number of farms all over Adams County, and of the various places that have passed through his hands he still owns one of eighty acres in Mendon Township. He has visited in other states, but has never found general agricultural conditions that satisfied him quite so well as those in Illinois. Mr. Schmiedeskamp is a republican, has had that political faith since early youth, but does not hesitate to support the man rather than the party when the situation demands such a course. He is a member of the Vermont Street Methodist Church.

June 20, 1878, at Quincy, Mr. Schmiedeskamp married Miss Louise Germann, daughter of Philip Germann. Philip Germann came from Germany in 1848, joining a brother in this country. After a few months in New York he came on to Quincy, where he was a shoemaker by trade, but for many years was associated with his son Henry in the drug business at State and Ninth streets. He died at the age of seventy-one. Mrs. Schmiedeskamp was born at Quincy and was educated in the common schools. Mr. Schmiedeskamp married his first wife in 1865, Henrietta Luecking, of Quincy. She was the mother of five children: William Herman, in the creamery business at Quincy; Lydia,



wife of Fred Kuntz, a farmer near Payson; August, who has been in California for the past eight years; and two who died in infancy.

By his present wife Mr. Schmiedeskamp has eight children: Henry, a Quincy attorney; Fred, a Montana rancher; John, on the old home farm in Concord Township; Lola, wife of Rufus E. Morley, of Riverside Township; Anna, wife of Steven E. Lawless, of Liberty, cashier of the Liberty Bank; Walter, a farmer in Ellington Township; Edna, wife of Dr. Henry F. Lafler, a chiropractor at Quincy; and Carl, who is a student in the law department of the University of Michigan and during 1918 was a member of the reserved officers training camp in that university.

**CHARLES T. HEWES.** Active in his profession as a doctor of dental surgery for over thirty-five years, Doctor Hewes has had honors and distinctions corresponding to the length of his professional service. He has been prominent as an official of the Adams-Hancock County Dental Society, is well known to the members of the state organization as a regular attendant at its meetings and frequently on the program for the reading of technical papers, and has attended many conventions of the national association, including that held at Chicago in 1918.

Doctor Hewes graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery at Philadelphia with the class of 1880. Even in the field of general medicine the advance and progress has not been so great since that time as in dental surgery, and with that advance Doctor Hewes has kept pace by constant study and contact with the leading men of his vocation. On graduating he returned to his old home at Payson in Adams County, where he practiced until 1887. Since then for thirty years he had had his offices in Quincy, and for the past fifteen years he has had offices in the Sterns Building.

Doctor Hewes, who was born at Payson in Adams County June 18, 1857, represents two very well known families of pioneer times, the Hewes and Avises. Doctor Hewes is of Welsh ancestry. His parents were George and Sarah A. (Avis) Hewes, both natives of New Jersey, the latter born about twenty miles from Philadelphia. In 1836 George Hewes and wife came West, making the trip by the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to Quincy. One of the incidents he often told of his first experiences at Quincy was being offered a corner lot at Fifth and Maine streets for a hundred dollars. After a year he took his family to Hancock county, and had his home near the Mormon settlement. Occasionally a letter arrived from his people back in New Jersey and it cost the price of a bushel of wheat, twenty-five cents, to get such a letter from the postoffice. George Hewes subsequently returned to Quincy, and in the early '40s went to Payson, where his services as a blacksmith were in great demand. He was first employed there to fix up the windmill that ground the grain for the community. The residents desiring the local services of a blacksmith agreed to move his goods from Quincy to Payson as an inducement for his location. For many years he followed his trade, but finally retired to a farm near Payson and died there in the spring of 1877. He was born in January, 1812, and his wife was born in September of the same year and lived ten years longer, passing away in 1887.

Both the Hewes and the Avis families in New Jersey were Episcopalians of the low church branch. When Jesse Avis came to Quincy in the early '30s, he was one of the most active leaders in establishing a low Episcopal Church, and he and his daughter, Mrs. George Hewes, were charter members of that church, now known as St. John's. Some of the early services of this church were held in Mr. Avis's house. Jesse Avis was the first vestryman.

Doctor Hewes was one of a large family of brothers and sisters. His brother Rev. M. A. Hewes, who was born in Quincy, entered the ministry of the Methodist Church and had a long and active career. He died in 1914, leaving a family. The second of the family was Mrs. Rebecca Kay, who lives with her family at Los Angeles. Samuel E. Hewes was a soldier in the Civil



war from 1861 to 1864, afterwards was a merchant and farmer at Payson, and finally died at Quincy, where his widow and daughter still live. Sarah E. is the wife of William McK. Gooding, a retired Methodist minister at Champaign, Illinois. George, Jr., is a farmer in Western Kansas and is married and has a family.

Doctor Hewes married at Payson Mary E. Sinnock, who was born there and grew up in that community. Doctor and Mrs. Hewes have five children. Clarence Avise is a graduate of the Quincy High School, of Illinois University in the civil engineering course, and is now connected with the engineering department of the Missouri Pacific Railway, with headquarters at Kansas City. He married May Goodwin, of Sedalia, Missouri, and their children are Charles and Helen. Floyd S., the second son, is a graduate of the Quincy High School and the State University, taking the civil engineering course at the same time with his brother and is now a civil engineer with the Santa Fe Railway stationed at Amarillo, Texas. He married Rena Middaugh, and they have a daughter, Martha Louise. Charles K., third son, graduated from the Quincy High School in 1908, from Illinois University in 1912, and specializing in chemistry, was given his master's degree in 1914. He is now chief superintendent of the General Petroleum Company at Los Angeles, California. He married Marjorie Kilburn, of Rockford, Illinois, a graduate of Rockford College and Illinois State University. Lois E. Hewes is a graduate of high school and of Lombard College at Galesburg with the class of 1918. The youngest of the family, Mildred, is a graduate of high school and normal school and for three years has been a teacher in the Quincy public schools. All the family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church on Vermont Street. Doctor Hewes is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past grand, and with the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is a republican.

JAMES ASBURY MITCHELL, M. D. It would be hard to conceive of a more exacting standard and measure of a man's service and usefulness to a community than thirty-seven years of continuous work as a physician. That has been the distinction of Doctor Mitchell, who since 1881 has been located at Ursa, and has been the standby and resource in time of trouble to nearly all the families of that community, including children and children's children.

Doctor Mitchell was born in Lewis County, Missouri, on a farm, May 26, 1854, and represents one of the old established families in Northeastern Missouri. His father, James P. Mitchell, was born in Center County, Pennsylvania, December 22, 1815, and was reared in Ohio, and in 1836 as a pioneer entered land in Missouri. A few years later he enlisted and served in the Mexican war under the command of Gen. Sterling Price, participating in the battle of Monterey. He was a strong Union man, though when the war came on he went on the bond of some Southern sympathizers who were captured by General McNeil, and taken to Palmyra. He also studied law and was admitted to the bar and served about twelve years as county judge and as county surveyor for twelve years. He was a member of the constitutional convention after the war in 1865 at St. Louis. He worshiped in the Christian Church and lived a life of commendable usefulness and honor. He died in 1916, at the remarkable age of 101. The maiden name of his wife was Mary E. Asbury, who was born in Pendleton County, Kentucky, and went as a child to Missouri. She died at the age of fifty-six.

Doctor Mitchell grew up on his father's farm, attended Monticello Seminary and also the State Normal School at Kirksville. Before entering normal school he had taught one year and for three years afterward followed the same profession. His preparation for medicine was made at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, where he graduated in 1881. Through the influence of Doctor Byrd of Quincy he located in the same year at Ursa and in that community has been a resident throughout the subsequent years. In that time





Henry Renken  
Fette A. Renken.



five other physicians have come and gone in the community and three of his contemporaries died at Ursa, Dr. John C. Pearson, Dr. W. W. Wooley and Dr. J. F. Fletcher.

Doctor Mitchell is active in the County and State Medical societies and in the American Medical Association, and has given all his time to practice and the service of his people. He is examiner for a number of fraternal and old line insurance companies. He has filled the chairs and has represented his lodge of Odd Fellows in the Grand Lodge, and is also a member of the Woodmen, the Court of Honor and the National American. Though a republican voter he is no politician.

May 16, 1883, Doctor Mitchell married Elizabeth C. Patton, of Lewiston, Missouri. Of their eleven children nine reached maturity, William, Frank Patton, Ruth Ellen, Charles, James, Arthur, Zona, George and Russell.

ALFRED A. SEEHORN has been a man of affairs in Quincy for many years, was prominent in educational work during the early half of his active career and at one time served as county superintendent of public instruction of Adams County and later has proved his ability as a merchant. He now has one of the chief establishments in the county for farm implements, handling all classes of farm machinery, including wagons, buggies and the varied line of implements manufactured by the International Harvester Company.

He succeeded in business Mr. J. L. Martin, a pioneer dealer in agricultural implements at Quincy. Mr. Martin for a number of years represented both in the wholesale and retail lines, the McCormick Harvester Company, beginning back in the '70s, and was afterwards local representative for the International Harvester Company. Mr. Seehorn first entered the service of Mr. Martin in 1887 and on January 1, 1904, succeeded to the retail business.

Mr. Seehorn was born in Adams County October 1, 1860. He was carefully reared and liberally educated, attending the Payson High School and also Chaddock College. He taught his first school in Hancock County, Illinois, at the age of twenty-three and continued active in educational work for about fifteen years, chiefly in Adams County. In 1894 he was elected county superintendent of public instruction and filled that office one term, three years. He was then elected city superintendent of schools at Quincy and was in that office four years. Later he spent three years as a member of the board of education. Mr. Seehorn is a democrat, and that has been the political faith of the Seehorn family throughout all the generations.

Mr. Seehorn is a great-grandson of Nicholas Seehorn, a grandson of Gabriel Seehorn, and a son of Alfred Seehorn. This is one of the old families of German ancestry found in Adams County, and some of the facts in regard to their history are found in another part of this publication. Alfred Seehorn was born in Lincoln County, Tennessee, June 30, 1822, and came to Adams County with his parents in 1831. He became a very successful farmer in Fall Creek Township of Adams County, and had over 300 acres of land there. As a family the Seehorns have been identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Alfred A. Seehorn married in his native township of Fall Creek, Miss Laura C. Carr, who was born in that township March 7, 1864, daughter of Lewis G. and Rhoda (Inman) Carr. Lewis G. Carr was born in Missouri, and came with the Carr family to Adams County, Illinois, about 1832. Mrs. Seehorn's mother was a native of Adams County, Illinois. Her father, Jonathan Inman, was one of the earliest settlers in the rural districts of Adams County. Lewis G. Carr and wife had a farm in section 3 of Fall Creek Township and both died there, Lewis G. in 1913. The Carr family were members of the Christian Church.

HENRY RENKEN. There are a number of things about the Henry Renken family which might well be copied and emulated by others. The members of the family have shown that spirit of co-operation which is not only productive

of prosperity and furnishes the means of getting ahead in the world, but increases the happiness of life in general. The founder of the family, the late Henry Renken, is now deceased, but all his three sons and two daughters maintain the close family ties, keep the old home farm in Honey Creek Township and operate it as a business partnership as well as a family concern.

The late Henry Renken and his wife, Tette (Myer) Renken, were both natives of Germany. He came to the United States when a young man, and after a short time at Alton came to Quincy in 1854. For several years he was employed by the Biddleson people and the Libbeys. Henry Renken in their employ had the distinction of carrying the last mail that went over a stage route from Quincy to Palmyra, Missouri, before the completion of the railroad. His chief ambition, however, was to own a farm, and he carefully invested all his savings in land, his first purchase being eighty acres, included in his present home place. He bought that for \$2,400. He and his wife were married on that farm and their thrifty co-operation brought them abundant prosperity. Henry Renken had received some money from Germany, but it was lost in banks, so that he paid for his farm out of his own earnings. At the time of his marriage he and his wife had their lives insured, each in favor of the other, and kept the insurance in force until their property was paid for. That was a very unusual proceeding at that time, and indicates the spirit of progressiveness which was part of the character of Henry Renken and wife. From his first purchase his holdings grew until he had 330 acres, all in section 35 of Honey Creek Township, and all operated as one farm. This farm lies half way between Coatsburg and Paloma and along the right of way of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.

Henry Renken and wife were active members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was a republican, and was honored frequently by his fellow citizens in public affairs. He was township assessor, tax collector and school director for many years, until he refused to qualify for further service. He was one of the directors of the Camp Point Fair for years from the time of its organization. On his farm he erected the principal buildings, the oldest part of the house being more than fifty years old. These improvements have been kept up and increased by his children. Henry Renken died January 7, 1903, at the age of seventy-two, and his wife passed away August 15, 1911, in her seventy-second year.

Their family of five children are Anna M., Margaretta C., Wilke J., Albert and Henry. Wilke J. Renken was born on the old farm September 12, 1870, and has been part of the family circle continuously except for 3½ years. At the age of twenty-nine he went west and saw a great deal of the country, being employed in different occupations in the meantime. Since then he has been associated with his brothers and sisters, and they handle the large farm by a perfect system. Most of the annual revenue comes from hogs. They raise a large number and market a carload or more every year. This is one of the farms in Adams County that are operated just as a business house is operated, with a complete set of books recording every department and operation. Each of the children has a personal account, but the farm itself is operated as one business. The three brothers are rather noted as expert rifle and gun shots, and Henry has won many trophies in contests of skill with the rifle.

WILLIAM ARNING. Some of the Americans of whom this country has had most reason to be proud were the thrifty, hard working and liberty loving Germans who came to this country during the decade of the '40s. One of those who so numerously settled in Quincy in that decade was the late William Arning, whose long life in the city was a splendid exemplification of all the virtues of his race.

He was born in Lippe Detmold, Hanover, Germany, October 13, 1836. When he was nine years old his parents, Gottlieb and Sophia (Dickman) Arn-



ing, also natives of Hanover, set sail in a sailing boat from Bremen and after a voyage of a number of weeks landed at New Orleans. They reached there in 1845 and then proceeded up the Mississippi River to St. Louis and on to Quincy, where Gottlieb Arning established a blacksmith shop and resumed the trade he had learned and followed in the old country. His shop was an institution in the city for forty or fifty years, and he applied himself to his trade until old age came upon him. He died in October, 1895, at the age of eighty-six, and his widow survived until 1898, and was eighty-four when she passed away. They were members of the Evangelical Church of Quincy, and in politics Gottlieb was a very ardent republican.

William Arning grew up in Quincy, acquired a common school education, and learned his trade under the supervision of his father. After a few years of running a blacksmith shop he started wagon making, but finally found that his extraordinary skill as a horse shoer demanded all his time and energies and he devoted himself exclusively to that business. For years he conducted a large and well appointed shop at 621 South Sixth Street, and there his hard work and reliable service brought him gradually a modest fortune. He was in the shop until he retired and had passed his seventy-fifth birthday when he died December 13, 1911.

The Evangelical Church of Quincy has many reasons to be proud of his long continued membership and active work. He perhaps more than any other member had to do with freeing it from debt and putting it on a sound financial basis. He was honored with the offices of trustee and treasurer of the church. In politics he was a republican.

At Quincy in 1858 he married Miss Henrietta Klocke. She was also a native of Lippe Detmold, Germany, where she was born in 1837. Her parents died there and between her nineteenth and twentieth year she set sail for the United States in 1857, was eight weeks on the voyage, and joined friends and kinsmen in Quincy. Soon afterwards she married Mr. Arning, and they lived and worked together so that their success was a mutual achievement. She died in December, 1916. She was also reared in the Reformed Church of Germany, but at Quincy was a member of the Evangelical Church.

Three children were born to this worthy couple, all daughters. Emily and Ida died in infancy. The only surviving member of the family is Miss Julia Arning, whose work for a number of years has identified her with the local schools of Quincy. She was born in Quincy, graduated from the high school in 1893, and soon afterwards took up teaching. In 1913 she completed her course in the Western Illinois State Normal School at Macomb. She is now one of the teachers in the Fourth Ward School and she is a member of the church of her parents and is active in Red Cross work.

**JOHN H. HEIDLOFF.** One of the oldest wood and coal merchants in Quincy is John H. Heidloff, who established a wood yard at 612 North Fifth Street thirty-eight years ago and has been in continuous business at that old stand ever since. For a number of years he has also handled and distributed many carloads of coal, but so far as conditions permit specializes in the wood trade, and that amounts to 3,000 or 4,000 cords annually.

Mr. Heidloff has spent nearly half a century in Quincy. He was born in Kurhessen, Germany, October 20, 1842, a son of Werner and Anna M. (Bauer) Heidloff, both of whom were natives of Kurhessen. They spent their lives there, where the father was a general workman and at one time served as mayor of his village. He died in 1870, at the age of sixty-five, and his wife in 1901, when seventy-nine years old. They were members of the Lutheran Church. In their family were these children: Jonas spent his life in Germany as a stone mason. Adam was the first of the family to come to the United States and at Quincy married a German girl. He died here twenty-one years ago, leaving four children. Mary also came when young to the United States and at Quincy married Fred Bengert. She died in this city leaving a family of



sons and daughters. Anna married Jacob Weid, and both spent their lives in Germany, where three daughters survived them. The next in age is John H. Werner is a business man near Neva, Illinois, and has a wife and several daughters.

John H. Heidloff was educated in his native village, and in 1869 he set out from Bremen in the ship "Rhine," landing at New York, and on the next day starting for Quincy, where he arrived December 17th, joining his brother and sister who had preceded him to this country. His first work at Quincy was with D. D. Meriam & Son, and for ten years he was engaged in the teaming business with this firm in the lumber trade. In 1880 Mr. Heidloff opened his wood yard and eighteen years ago he began dealing in coal. His office for twenty-eight consecutive years has been one of the city voting booths for all local, state and national elections.

Mr. Heidloff has had his home in a substantial brick house at 414 Oak Street for thirty-two years. He married in December, 1869, Miss Anna Speiker, who was born in Wesphalia, Germany, August 4, 1850. Her parents, Francis and Theresa (Deomann) Speiker, were natives of the same province, and her father died there at the advanced age of ninety-eight and her mother at sixty-eight. They were members of the Catholic Church. In their family were five sons and three daughters, all of whom grew up and married. Mrs. Heidloff and her sister Theresa were the only members of the family to come to the United States. Theresa arrived in this city after Mrs. Heidloff, and has been three times married. Her present husband is John Koenig and they live in St. Louis. Mrs. Heidloff came to the United States in 1867. She took passage on a sailing vessel at Bremen, and from New York reached Quincy on July 24, 1867. This city has been her home for over half a century. Mr. and Mrs. Heidloff have a family of ten children. Werner, a resident of Quincy is married, and has a son, Walter, now attending the city schools. William, who like his brothers and sisters, was well educated in the local schools, is associated with his father in business, is married and has two children, Ruth and William, both in school. John, also with his father in business, has a family of five, Dorothy, Margaret, Elizabeth, Theodore and Milton, all school children. Frank is now in Spokane, Washington, and is married but has no children. Carrie married Walter Gallamore, and they live in Spokane and have four children, Louise, Shirley, Forstena and Milton. Martha is the wife of John Herleman, of Quincy, and they have a son, Harold. Logan is a railroad man in Oklahoma and has two sons, Ralph and Howard. Elizabeth married Lawrence Gilhouse, of Quincy, and has a son, Robert. Clara is the wife of Cecil McSpaden, of Quincy. Lillian, the wife of Arthur Keen, of Quincy, has two children, Mildred and William. The family are all members of the Lutheran Church and Mr. Heidloff is a republican voter.

**HENRY GERMANN.** Two of the best known and most useful citizens of Quincy are Mr. Henry Germann, vice president of the Broadway Bank, and his wife, Dr. Melinda Germann, who was not only one of the earliest physicians and surgeons to practice medicine in Quincy, but in point of ability and attainments ranks among the first in the profession, irrespective of sex.

A native of Quincy, Henry Germann was born November 4, 1850. His parents, John Phillip and Anna M. (Brenner) Germann, were natives of Germany and established their home in Quincy in the year 1848. The former was a native of Hesse Darmstadt and his wife of Hanover. They came to the United States as young people on sailing vessels, were married and lived in New York City for two years, and then established their home in Quincy. John P. Germann was a boot and shoe maker, and was in business at Quincy until the introduction of machinery for making boots and shoes took away his trade. In later years he assisted his son in the drug business and died at the age of seventy, his wife passing away at sixty-eight. They were reared as

Lutherans but in Quincy joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had a family of four children, all of whom are living at Quincy but one.

Henry Germann grew up in Quincy, attended the public schools and the Bryant & Stratton Business College, and as a clerk learned the drug business and secured a license as a pharmacist. For a number of years he was with the old firm of Sommers & Metz, and when still a young man, with his father's assistance, he bought a drug store at Bushnell, Illinois. A year later a fire destroyed the entire establishment without insurance. He took his losses calmly and coming to Quincy established himself in business at the corner of Eighth and State streets, where in course of time he made his store one of the best known in that part of the city. After many years of business prosperity he finally sold his drug store and became one of the organizers and vice president of the Broadway Bank at 1717 Broadway. Mr. Germann is also a director of the Quincy Stove Manufacturing Company. In a public way he has given most of his time to local education, and is an independent republican in politics. He and his wife and family are all active members of the Methodist Church.

Dr. Melinda Germann was born in Quincy in 1863 and since girlhood has been known for her many brilliant qualities and abilities. She is a daughter of Henry and Mary (Achelpohl) Knapheide. Her parents were both natives of Germany and came to America when young people, in 1848. Both were poor, and it was by dint of hard and honest toil that they established a good home and reared their family in comfort. They married in St. Louis, where their first child was born, and from there moved to Quincy, where Henry Knapheide established a business as a wagon manufacturer on State Street. He continued active in business there until his death at the age of sixty years. His widow survived until 1915, and was ninety-three when she died. Both were charter members of the Kentucky Street Methodist Church and Mr. Knapheide was a republican. Of their ten children six grew to maturity and are still living and are all married but one.

Doctor Germann made her first mark in the city when she was awarded the Morgan medal for the highest scholarship in high school. For one year she taught school, and in June, 1888, graduated with the medical degree from the Quincy College of Medicine. Most of her studies were directed by Doctor Curtis, one of the best known old time physicians of Quincy. Her courage and determination in taking up a profession seldom followed at that time by women enabled her to pursue her studies in the greatest centers of medical learning. She spent two years abroad at Zurich, Switzerland, Paris and Vienna, and in 1913 she was again abroad, spending six months in the same cities where her former student work had been done twenty years earlier. In the meantime she has practiced in Quincy, and has done a world of good through her profession and through her deep personal interest in the social and material welfare of the community. She is a member of the County Medical Society, of the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and also of the Women's National Medical Society.

She has the distinction of being the first woman ever elected a member of the Board of Education in Quincy. She was first elected in 1912 and is now in her third consecutive term. In the spring of 1917 an even greater civic honor was bestowed when she was elected a member of the Board of Supervisors of the county, being the first woman to gain that honor at the polls.

For all their busy outside interests and services Mr. and Mrs. Germann center their greatest affections in their two brilliant children, Hildegard and Aldo. The daughter was graduated as valedictorian of the high school class of 1909, and then entered Vassar College, from which she was graduated as an honor student in 1913. She has many of the ideals and ambitions of her mother and in 1918 she finished her studies in Johns Hopkins Medical College at Baltimore, with the highest standing in scholarship of any of the women students, her graduation carrying with it also an appointment to the medical



staff of the hospital. She is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honorary Academic fraternity, elected at Vassar College, and of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medical fraternity, of which she is secretary, receiving that honor at Johns Hopkins University.

The son Aldo graduated from high school in 1912 and then entered Northwestern University of Chicago, where he completed the literary course and is member of the class of 1919 in the medical school. He too has had a number of scholarship honors and is a member of one of the leading medical fraternities. He enrolled his services for the war and will qualify for a commission in the Medical Reserve Corps upon graduating. He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha, elected at Northwestern University.

CASPER ANCK is member of the firm Anck Brothers, manufacturers and dealers in meats at 1037-1039 Broadway in Quincy. Both the brothers, Casper and William, are proficient men in their line of work, have had a great deal of experience in past years, and in 1911 established their present factory, where they deal both wholesale and retail, and manufacture a considerable share of the provisions consumed throughout Adams County, which is their normal market territory. They manufacture various lines of meat products, including sausage and lard. About ten people find employment in their business, each week they kill about fifteen cattle, a large number of hogs, and their daily output of sausage is about 500 pounds and their weekly output of lard about 2,000 pounds.

The brothers have lived in this county all their lives. Casper Anck was born in Ellington Township August 17, 1875, and received most of his education in the district schools of Quincy, learning his trade after leaving school. He is a son of John and Isabelle (Neicie) Anck. His father was born in Germany and when a young man came to the United States. His sister, Mrs. Theresa Frizie, had already located near Quincy. After coming to this county he met and married his wife, who was a native of Adams County of German parentage. After their marriage he took up farming in Ellington Township and when Casper Anck was twelve years old, in 1887, the family came to Quincy, where the father was employed in packing houses until his death in 1906, at the age of sixty-four. His widow is now living with her son Casper at the age of sixty-four. She is a Protestant, while her husband was a Catholic and a democrat.

Casper Anck, who is unmarried, was the second among his parents' children. Rosa, the oldest, is the wife of William Merrill, of Quincy, and has three children: Isabel, Wilbert and George. John, the next younger brother, lives in Quincy and is married and has a daughter Maria. Josephine is the wife of Henry Hedrick, of Rock Island, Illinois, and has one son, Walter. William is a partner with his brother Casper and is referred to on other pages. Dora married James Rose, of Quincy, and has two sons and two daughters, Cora, Joseph, Mildred and Richard. Edward J. Anck, the youngest son is employed by the firm of Anck Brothers. He was born and raised in Quincy, is married but has no children and resides at 1014 York Street.

PANTALION WERNETH was a Quincy business man for nearly forty years. The activities through which he acquired success for himself and rendered his best service to the public was as a meat dealer, and his methods of doing business and his personal character brought him many fast and loyal friends.

Mr. Werneth died at his home at 1650 Vermont Street October 31, 1911. He was then seventy-three years of age. He was born in Baden, Germany, July 21, 1838, of old German Catholic stock, a son of Hugo and Rosena Werneth, both natives of Baden. He was only twenty-one months of age when his mother died, and he was reared and educated in Germany until fourteen years of age, when he accompanied his brother Simon to the United States. The sailing vessel which brought them over was many weeks in making the voyage. Their first location was in Wisconsin, at Manitowoc, and from there Pantalion



Werneth came to Quincy. He learned the trade of butcher with Mr. Crowder, and later was in business with Mr. John Barth at the corner of Sixth and Hampshire streets. They bought that valuable corner and were associated until the death of Mr. Barth. At that time Mr. Werneth acquired the entire property and for thirty-eight years that was his business headquarters. He then located his market at 1706 Broadway, and the Werneth market at that number is still continued. On moving his place of business he took in his son Fred as partner, and Fred managed the business after his father's death until quite recently.

The late Mr. Werneth was a Catholic and a member of the Western Catholic Union. On May 10, 1881, at Quincy, he married Miss Anna Otte. Mrs. Werneth, who with her family occupies the fine home of ten rooms which was erected nine years ago at 1650 Vermont Street, was born at West Point, Iowa, December 3, 1859. She was reared in Quincy from early girlhood. Her parents were Frank and Margaret (Kauffman) Otte, both natives of Muenster, Germany. Her parents were married in the old country and their first five children were born there. In 1855 they came to the United States and bought land at West Point, Iowa, and six years later moved to Franklin, Iowa. Later they lived for two years at Adina, Missouri, and from there came to Quincy. Mrs. Werneth's father died in this city August 13, 1884, at the age of seventy-nine, and her mother passed away March 17, 1886, at the age of seventy-five. They were members of the St. Francis Catholic Church in Quincy. Mrs. Werneth was one of the ten children, all of whom reached mature age except one, and two sons and three daughters are still living. Mrs. Werneth became the mother of five children. One, Clara, died in 1882 in infancy. Her son William was educated in the local business schools, is an energetic young business man aged thirty-four, and succeeded his brother as manager of the family meat market. He married Maude Schumate. The son Fred, who was educated in the Gem City Business College, is unmarried and is now connected with the commissary department of the Great Lakes Training Station. Carl, who was trained to the trade of butcher, is now a salesman with Swift & Company, packers. He married Genevieve Eckert and they have a daughter five years old. Marie is the wife of Edward Dorkenwald, of Quincy, and their daughter is Anna Marie. All the family are members of St. Francis parish.

ANDERSON E. ADAIR, living retired at Loraine, is a man of interesting experiences, has a most interesting family, and has deserved the success and prosperity that have attended his efforts in this county.

He was born in Honey Creek Township June 30, 1862, son of John R. and Euseba (Tout) Adair. John R. Adair, a half-brother of Henry Adair, another well known resident of Adams County, died November 21, 1901, at the age of sixty-five. He had lived retired several years at Camp Point. His first wife, Euseba, died June 20, 1873, on the farm in Honey Creek Township. For his second wife he married Elizabeth Hudson, who died in June, 1898. John R. Adair was a farmer in Honey Creek Township until he retired. He never filled a public office, but was very active as a member and elder in the Christian Church, was noted as a local preacher, but never did that work for a salary or compensation. By his first wife he had five sons: Kelley, of Point Richmond, California; Willis M. in the harness business at Loraine; Anderson E.; John M., a farmer in Ellington Township; and Thomas Sherman, of Gridley, California. John R. Adair by his second marriage had four children: Robert, now in the Government service; Charles, a farmer in Honey Creek Township; Ann, wife of William Hendrickson, of Ursa Township; and Curtis, a railroad employe living at Hannibal, Missouri.

Anderson E. Adair lived at home until he was twenty years of age. He gained much knowledge of practical farming while a boy, but his first ambition was to be a professional man and a teacher. He attended Abingdon College under Professor Bruner, took a normal course, and at the age of twenty began teaching in the Prairie School of Mendon Township. That was in 1881, and for the next nine years he gave his best energies to teaching. All his work as an

educator was done in Adams County, and he was connected with four or five different schools in the northern part of the county. Several of his pupils became teachers. Mr. Adair took a very active part in teachers' institutes and all other movements associated with rural education.

January 25, 1885, while he was still a teacher, he married Miss Mary Beer of Camp Point Township, daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Piper) Beer. Her parents came when a young married couple from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and settled in Camp Point Township, where they lived until their death. Her father died about eleven years ago at the age of seventy-eight and her mother is now eighty-nine. They were man and wife more than fifty years, and for over half a century had occupied the same home.

When he gave up teaching Mr. Adair began farming in Honey Creek Township. He had little capital to begin on, but with the encouragement of his wife and with his boyhood experience and the assets of good health, strength and ambition, he bought forty acres of land. It was what is described as unimproved land, but besides having no buildings or fences nearly every acre was covered with a heavy growth of brush and small timber, all of which had to be cleared away before he could cultivate and raise crops. He made the first payments from his earnings as a teacher, but otherwise has made the land pay its own way and give him a living and more besides. Later he bought another forty acres, giving him eighty acres, and in the course of time he had it improved with a good substantial home and two good barns. In connection with his farming Mr. Adair for seven years operated a threshing outfit. Like his father he has not been ambitious to hold public office. Several years ago he retired to a good home in Loraine, but still looks after his farm. He was also administrator for his father's estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Adair had a family of four sons. Roy Kelley Adair, the oldest, was born August 17, 1885, graduated from the Maplewood High School at Camp Point in 1904, and from the Normal at Macomb in 1915. He began teaching in 1905, and continued that profession actively for twelve years, all in Adams County. For six years he was principal of the high school at La Prairie, and for two years was identified with the schools of Columbus. In 1916 he bought the Loraine Times and was commissioned postmaster of this fourth class office March 20, 1918. On August 10, 1910, he married Alma J. Cossart, of Camp Point. She was born in Hancock County, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Harris) Cossart, Solomon Harris, her grandfather, was the first white child born in Adams County, his parents being the first white settlers in this county. They migrated here from their original home in Tennessee. Mrs. Roy Adair graduated in the normal course from the Camp Point school and attended one term at Macomb Normal, after which she was a teacher in the county for three years.

Samuel Lee Adair was educated in the Camp Point schools, where he took work equivalent to graduation, also attended the State Normal School at Macomb, the Bradley Polytechnic Institute at Peoria, and the Manual Training Department of the State University of Wisconsin. For nine years he taught in this county, six years at Quincy in the public schools, and three years in the Manual Training School of that city. He is now teacher of manual training in the Fairbury Township High School, and recently had charge of the manual training course for the soldiers in the Manual Training Camp at Camp Sheridan. Samuel married Maude Adams, a daughter of Prof. W. T. and Elizabeth Adams. Her mother died during her infancy, and she made her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gibbs. Professor Adams was a teacher for over thirty years, during the last of which he was county superintendent of schools in Polk County, Arkansas. To this union was born one daughter, Mary Elizabeth, the only grandchild in the family. Maude Adams Adair, graduated from Coatsburg High School in 1907, attended Western Illinois State Normal at Macomb, 1907-1909, taught school at Coatsburg three years, in 1912 taught in the Ursa schools, and then at the Webster Junior High in Quincy.



Floyd Earl Adair was born March 21, 1889, graduated from the Gem City Business College of Quincy, Illinois, in business, shorthand and typewriting courses, and worked one year as bookkeeper and stenographer for the William Adams Contracting Company of Chicago, whose work at that time was at Hot Springs, Arkansas. His work completed there he returned home and took up the profession of school teacher and taught successfully in the Adams and Hancock public schools for three years. In 1913 he passed the civil service examination and was appointed rural carrier from the Loraine postoffice, which position he still holds. On June 11, 1913, he was married to Charlotte E. Fry, daughter of James M. and Cordelia (Adair) Fry, of Loraine, Illinois. Mrs. Floyd Adair's parents still reside in Loraine, Illinois. Her father was a Civil war veteran. Mrs. Floyd Adair was educated in the Loraine public schools and was for several years a successful teacher in the public schools of Adams County.

Anderson Dewey Adair, the youngest son, is a trained automobile mechanic and still lives at home. He was educated in the Loraine High School, Western Illinois State Normal School, S. A. T. C. of Culver Stockton College, Canton, Missouri. He is a graduate of the Kansas City School for Auto Mechanics, and is engaged in the automobile business in Loraine, Illinois.

CHARLES M. GIBBS, now living retired at Coatsburg, has been a resident of that community for so many years that there is probably not a man, woman or child in Honey Creek Township who does not know him and has some kind memory of his work and good citizenship. Mr. Gibbs is perhaps most widely known through his long service as the local representative of the railroad at Coatsburg. He served the Burlington and Wabash railroad companies faithfully and all their patrons for half a century, and if any man deserves a pension for their long and faithful performance of duty it is Charles M. Gibbs.

He was born in Tennessee, in McMinn County, September 4, 1837, and is of Scotch-Irish stock. His parents were Fleming G. and Rebecca (Baker) Gibbs. His maternal grandfather served as a soldier in the War of 1812 and lived to be a hundred and seven years of age. For eighty years he had active membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Gibbs' parents were both born in Virginia and the father went to Tennessee when a boy.

Charles M. Gibbs, who was one of four children, was reared and educated in Tennessee and had taught school there for seven or eight years before coming to Western Illinois. The presence of some friends in Adams County brought him to Coatsburg, and during 1863-64 he taught school in that village, having eighty or ninety pupils. He taught all the common branches and in mathematics had a class in algebra. Some of his old pupils are still in the community, including the Gray boys. He also taught a school two miles north of Coatsburg.

It was in 1865 that Mr. Gibbs entered the service of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway as local agent and telegraph operator. That service was continuous for fifty years. For several years after he became a representative of the railroad company at Coatsburg there was no telegraph office. The first telegraph instruments he handled were the old tape machines, and it was some years before he took messages from the sounder. Mr. Gibbs did his duty so efficiently that no action of his was ever a source of trouble between him and his superiors and no railway accident was ever traced to his failure to understand and properly interpret telegraph messages. Out of the fifty years he spent two years at the station at Paloma. He was finally retired with a pension at the end of fifty years, but in a manner of speaking, his connection with the Coatsburg station is still maintained, since his son is his successor. Mr. Gibbs did his railroad work long before the passage of the modern short hour labor laws and for years he handled all the business of the local station alone, and was on duty fifteen hours a day, not leaving the depot until he had received the mail from the Chicago train at nine in the evening.

In the meantime many other business interests occupied him. For twenty years he was associated with John Grigsby in the grain and livestock business,



and he had a farm of eighty acres near Coatsburg which was extensively used for feeding cattle for the market. He was also interested in a general store. At different times Mr. Gibbs has been honored with office as trustee of Coatsburg. He is a democrat, though often casting his ballot independently.

December 28, 1864, Mr. Gibbs married Miss Frances Murrah, a sister of Peter E. Murrah, a well known citizen of Coatsburg, elsewhere referred to in this publication. Mrs. Gibbs was born in Adams County March 3, 1843. To their marriage were born seven children: Mary Elizabeth, now deceased, married W. T. Adams, of Camp Point, and was the mother of two daughters, Mabel F. and Mary Maude. Mabel is now Mrs. John Mershan, wife of a lumber dealer in Oklahoma. Mary Maude when an infant was taken to the home of her grandparents Gibbs and reared there until her marriage to S. L. Adair, and she has one child. Minnie, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs, is the wife of J. A. Marshall, a farmer in Columbus Township. Anna married W. J. Whiprecht, who is in the employ of the Missouri Pacific Railway at St. Louis. William M. is a farmer three miles from Mendon in that township. Luther C. is train dispatcher for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy at West Quincy and lives in Quincy. Charles Francis is the successor to his father as agent and operator at Coatsburg, and he married Lula Carlin. Clara Jane, the youngest of the family, married W. J. Shake, superintendent of a creamery at Macomb, Illinois.

Mr. Gibbs is a Mason and took his first degree in Columbus Lodge about fifty years ago. Mrs. Gibbs is active in the Christian Church. Mr. Gibbs has been influential in bringing several of his relatives to the county. His brother William E. Gibbs came here about forty years ago, and for fifteen years was a blacksmith at Coatsburg, until his death. He also served as president of the village board. William E. Gibbs left three children: Texas, Mrs. George Ertel, wife of a retired farmer at Coatsburg; John C. Gibbs, who is chairman of the County Board of Supervisors of Adams County; and America, who lives in Oklahoma. Mr. Gibbs' cousin, John McMahan, now of Camp Point, came to this county when a young man and lived with Mr. Charles M. Gibbs until his marriage.

JOHN JACOB GLASER has come to the venerable age of fourscore with a life record of commendable industry, integrity and honor in all his relations. The people of Columbus Township esteem him for his irreproachable character and also for the effective work done and the sacrifices he has made for his family and others.

Mr. Glaser was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, December 23, 1838, a son of John and Anna E. (Miller) Glaser. John Glaser was a blacksmith by trade, having learned that occupation in the thorough manner of an apprenticeship. In 1852 he and his wife and three children, Louisa, Elizabeth and John Jacob, left Germany, going from Hamburg to Hull, then to Liverpool, and at that English port embarked on a sailing vessel which seven weeks and three days later landed them in New Orleans. This boat carried more than 400 emigrants from Germany. At New Orleans cholera was then epidemic and people were dying like flies. The family and most of the other passengers hastily embarked on a boat bound up the Mississippi to St. Louis. Ten miles below that city the boat was held up for four days in quarantine. After a brief stop in St. Louis the Glaser family came on to Quincy, arriving in that city in August, 1852. John Glaser immediately found opportunity to establish himself as a local blacksmith, securing employment with Rogers & Cleveland. Four years later, on account of advancing years, he gave up his trade and moved to Columbus Township, renting for one year the old Moore farm and for seven years lived on the Guthrie farm. He finally bought the Moore place of 135 acres from the widow Moore, and he lived there until his death about thirty years ago, at the age of seventy. His widow spent her last years with her son John Jacob and died in 1895, at the age of seventy-six. Both parents were splendid Christian people, and devout members of the Lutheran Church at Coatsburg. They were buried





*Henry C. Sprick*



side by side in Columbus Cemetery. Only one child was born to them after they came to Adams County, and he died at the age of four years. The daughter Elizabeth married Louis Wilkey, of Columbus. Louise is the widow of Henry Mullenbauer.

John Jacob Glaser was fourteen years of age when brought to Adams County. He grew up on a farm in Columbus Township, and after the death of his father became administrator of the estate and carried out strictly the provisions of his father's will, providing for his sisters and mother. In 1875 he bought his present farm in section 18 of Columbus Township, a half mile from the Village of Columbus. There he has lived in prosperity and comfort for over forty years, and has made one of the good country homes of that locality. He has a seven room house, excellent farm buildings, and the farm is now operated by his son Ernest.

At Canton, Missouri, more than fifty years ago, Mr. Glaser married Mary Glaser, of the same family name but not a relative. They were born in the same city of Germany, Mrs. Glaser's birth occurring November 19, 1838. She also came to America by the same route as her husband, landing at New Orleans and coming thence to Quincy, arriving here in the fall of 1856. Her parents were John and Catherine (Miller) Glaser, who located near Canton, Missouri, and both died there when about eighty years of age. Her father was a carpenter by trade. This Glaser family were also Lutherans. Mrs. Glaser had three brothers, August, Jacob and Adolph. Two of them died young, and August is still living at Canton, Missouri, and has five living daughters, all unmarried, and had one son, John S., who died after his marriage, leaving one daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Glaser lived and labored together nearly fifty years. She passed away at the old home in Columbus Township December 19, 1899. Mr. Glaser for many years has been a devout member of the Lutheran Church at Coatsburg, and his wife sat side by side with him in worship there throughout her life. Mr. Glaser and his sons are independent in politics. All the children were confirmed in the Coatsburg Lutheran Church.

Their oldest child, Amelia E., died when nine years old. Elizabeth E. married William Ihrig, and they live on a farm in Marion County, Missouri. Their three sons, Arthur, Roy and Elmer, are all unmarried and two are in the army service, enlisting in Missouri regiments. They volunteered instead of waiting to be drafted, and are now overseas. Mr. and Mrs. Ihrig also have two daughters, Lillian and Clara, both at home. Martha Glaser married Herman Tillman, son of Rev. Richard Tillman, a Methodist minister. Mr. Tillman and wife are farmers in Gilmer Township. Their two children, Esther and Karl, are both school children. Lydia L. Glaser, like the rest of the children, was educated in the schools of Columbus Village, and she remains at home solicitously caring for her honored father. The next in the family is Ernest, above mentioned, the responsible manager of the home farm. John Glaser is a graduate of the Illinois Normal University and for the past fifteen years has been a successful principal of schools. He is now located at Wild Rose, North Dakota. He married Emma Moellring, and their family consists of Paul, Ernest, Ruth and Vernon.

HENRY C. SPRICK, who for nearly thirty years has been a figure in financial affairs in Quincy, and, who has been closely associated with men of substance and ability in this community, is at present the cashier of the State Street Bank. He has been with this institution since its organization and his work has been a very potent factor in its growth and development.

Mr. Sprick is one of ten children born to Henry and Sophia (Wilkening) Sprick, being born at Fontanelle, Nebraska, January 26, 1864. His parents were sturdy Nebraska pioneers who were very closely associated with the early development of their state. The father being especially prominent in political and religious affairs engendered in his son that stamina of character and

that interest in the public good which have made the latter the type of good American citizen which he now represents.

The boyhood and early school days of Henry C. Sprick were spent on the home farm at Fontanelle where he remained until he came east to complete his education.

At the age of twenty-two years Mr. Sprick began his business career by taking a position with a wholesale implement firm in Omaha, Nebraska. In 1888 he purchased an interest in the produce and commission firm of Ostermann and Tremain located at Fremont, Nebraska. A year later he withdrew from this concern to return to Quincy, Illinois, where he had earlier attended school and from whence his father and mother had emigrated to Nebraska.

In 1890 the State Street Bank was organized by Herman Heidebreder, W. H. Govert, William H. Collins, Charles Becker, and Martin Heiderich. Henry Sprick was made its first teller. During the subsequent years it became possible for Mr. Sprick to obtain a substantial interest in the bank, and at the same time he gained valuable experience which made it possible for him to become cashier at the death of Mr. Herman Heidebreder. At present Mr. W. H. Covert is the only surviving member of the group of men who organized the bank and Henry C. Sprick is the only active member of the original staff. During the time that Mr. Sprick has acted as cashier of the State Street Bank the same has shown a very marked degree of progress in its internal organization as well as in its financial growth. The bank now occupies a commodious three-story building at 801 State Street which imposing structure stands as a monument to those sturdy active characters who organized it and furthers its development.

Beside the time and effort which he has given to his business Mr. Sprick has been a director of the Quincy Stove Company for many years. He is one of the Board of Water Works Commissioners of the City of Quincy and has been active in all public and church enterprises for the betterment of the community. In his political affiliation Mr. Sprick is allied with the republican party and his religious faith is that of a Lutheran.

On August 14, 1890, Henry C. Sprick became united in marriage with Miss Clara M. Heidebreder, eldest daughter of Herman and Anna J. Heidebreder. Their union resulted in a home which has proven to be one of extreme happiness and comfort, being blessed by a son and daughter. The son, Harvey H. Sprick, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1916 and is now in the bank with his father, while the daughter, Helen, is at present a student at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

H. C. STERLING though a resident of Quincy only about ten years is very well known in business circles, and business men of all classes make daily use of his office as secretary of the Credit Association. He has also established and built up a general commercial and credit agency.

Mr. Sterling was born in Nebraska, July 12, 1868, and later moved to Springfield, Illinois, where he was reared and educated. His parents, E. H. and Emily (Clark) Sterling, are natives of New York State, but more than fifty years ago established their home at Springfield, where they still reside.

H. C. Sterling for several years was agent for packing companies and meat dealers and at one time was a city salesman for the Armour Packing Company. He was later in the real estate business. From 1914 to the spring of 1916 he served as deputy sheriff of Adams County. On leaving that office he moved into the Illinois State Bank Building at the time it was completed and took up his duties as secretary of the Quincy Credit Association. He also furnishes a general credit service to outside business interests. He has charge of the local office of the Elaborated Roofing Company, and since January, 1918, his office has been on the ground floor of the building at 216 Sixth Avenue, North. He is also serving his third consecutive appointment as a notary public.



Mr. Sterling married for his first wife Anna Shreve, who died leaving three children. Gertrude E. is the wife of R. F. Ingersoll, of Quincy. Lena E. is the wife of C. C. Beck, also of Quincy. Harry C. is a student in the Quincy High School. Mr. Sterling married at Quincy for his present wife, Anna Fox, who was reared and educated in this city.

BENJAMIN L. WILLHOIT represents some of the old American stock of Adams County, especially those families which came in early days out of Kentucky and made some of the first clearings in the woods of this county. Mr. Willhoit has a fine farm in section 7 of Columbus Township, on rural route No. 4 out of Camp Point. He owns 315 acres in the home place and ninety-five acres adjoining. This gives a large property, and it has been thriftily managed, and has the best of farm buildings and other equipment. It has been his home for thirty years and most of his children grew up in that place.

The farm was originally bought by his father, Daniel Willhoit, from the George Smith heirs. Daniel Willhoit was a renter on the farm before he was its owner.

Mr. Willhoit's grandfather, William Willhoit, better known among the old timers as Uncle Billy Willhoit, was a native of Kentucky, where he married Delilah Curry, also a Kentucky girl. In pioneer days they came up over the new roads from Kentucky to Adams County, Illinois, and bought a tract of wild and new land in section 7 of Columbus Township. Their first home there was a log cabin. William Willhoit and wife reared their children in that environment. They were settlers here as early as 1836 or 1837. William Willhoit finally sold his farm and retired to Coatsburg, where he died when past seventy-five years of age. He was known as the Daniel Boone of his part of the county, having killed hundreds of deer, wild turkey and even bear. His most remarkable and widely celebrated exploit was killing four turkeys at one shot.

Daniel Willhoit was born on the old farm in Columbus Township March 28, 1841. Daniel had several sisters. Amanda married John Smith and she now lives in Oklahoma, and her two daughters died after marriage. Another sister, Nancy, died after her marriage to John Urtle, who is now living in Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Urtle had eight children, all still living.

Daniel Willhoit grew up in Columbus Township at the old homestead, and married in Liberty Township Jane Lierle. She was born in this county in 1843, daughter of Zach and Mary (Wilks) Lierle. The Lierle family were well known in the pioneer annals of Adams County, especially as early settlers in Columbus Township. Zach Lierle's first wife died in the prime of life, leaving three children. He then married a Miss Turney, and finally moved out to Daviess County, Missouri, and died there in advanced years.

Benjamin L. Willhoit is the only child of his parents still living. His brother William died when a small child. Benjamin Willhoit was born on his grandfather's old farm December 1, 1865. He came to the farm where he now lives when twelve years old and thus had his training as a farmer on the land which he still cultivates. His father died here December 15, 1912, and since then Mr. Willhoit has been proprietor of the farm.

In Columbus Township December 25, 1888, he married Miss Luella DeMoss. She was born in that township December 31, 1865, and was reared and educated in the township. Her parents were David and Mary E. (Horner) DeMoss, her father born in Columbus Township October 12, 1840, and her mother in Ohio January 29, 1841. Mary Horner was brought to Adams County by her parents when she was a small child. Mrs. Willhoit's parents were married March 6, 1862. Her father was a very capable farmer and business man, and owned about 1,000 acres of land in Columbus Township. He died at the old home, and his widow is now living near Clayton with her daughter, Mrs. Lillie Sparks, wife of Henry Sparks. Mrs. Henry Sparks has a son, Orrin. Mrs. Willhoit had another sister, Flora, who died at the age of twenty-six, and was the first wife of Henry Sparks. She left a daughter, Ethyl, now the wife of Albert Beckman. Mr. and Mrs. Willhoit had the following children: Harry L.,

who was educated in the district and high schools, lived on a farm west of Columbus Village and died January 1, 1919, his wife dying four days previously. He married Ida Thompson, of Gilmer Township, and they had a daughter, Mildred Thompson, aged five years. L. Pearl, born on the home farm, is the wife of Harry Thomas, and has a son, Donald Willhoit, born in 1913. Hazel F. Willhoit graduated from the Maplewood High School of Camp Point in 1912, attended the Quincy Musical College, has taught music, and is now the wife of B. Frank Thomas. Goldie was educated in the home schools, and is now specializing in poultry raising at the home farm. The family are all identified with the Christian Church. Mr. Willhoit is a democrat. His son Harry was a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows Lodges at Columbus. Mr. Willhoit's father, Daniel, was one of the earliest Odd Fellows in this part of the county. Daniel Willhoit also served as supervisor of Columbus Township a number of years, and many times was called upon to assess the property of the township.

**SILAS ENLOW.** The Enlow family, well known and represented by several members in Adams County, was founded here by Thomas Enlow, who came from the vicinity of Allentown, Pennsylvania, to Adams County in 1833 and was one of the first settlers southwest of Liberty Village. He spent the rest of his life there, and his old farm is now owned by Mr. Byer. In 1814 Thomas Enlow married in Washington County, Pennsylvania. He died at the age of eighty and his widow passed away at the age of eighty-one. Among the children of this pioneer couple were: Ruth Titus, who died in Colorado; Mrs. Rebecca Leach, who died at Kearney, Missouri; Mrs. Hulda Wittmeyer, who died at Adams, Illinois; Mrs. Eliza Leach, who died at Liberty; Phoebe, who died unmarried in California; Perry Enlow, of Quincy; Mrs. Nancy McBride, of Reed, Missouri; Mrs. Nellie Westcott, of Colusa, California, now deceased; Luke, who spent most of his life in Hancock County, Illinois, but died in Nebraska; Silas; and Washington, who died in Liberty Township at the age of seventy-four.

Silas Enlow was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, October 16, 1820, and was thirteen years of age when brought to Adams County. In 1848 he married Nancy Jane Sutherland, of Washington County, Pennsylvania. They had been childhood friends, and he went back to Pennsylvania to claim her as his bride. She was born at Claysville in Washington County in 1829. Silas Enlow developed a good farm of 160 acres near the old homestead in Liberty Township and lived there to accumulate a generous prosperity. He died in 1904 and his wife passed away about 1913. He was a democrat. Silas Enlow had a family of five children. His son George W. Enlow graduated from the St. Louis Medical College and practiced at Liberty until his death in 1899, at the age of forty-eight. Doctor Enlow married Catherine Lierle, who survived him. Doctor and Mrs. Enlow had the following children: Dr. Aubrey Enlow, who graduated from the same school as his father and practiced at Liberty for a time, but is now at Kansas City, Missouri; Shaw of Kansas City; and Riley of Wyoming. Marion Enlow, of Los Angeles, and Lee Enlow, of Liberty, are the two other sons of Silas Enlow.

The two daughters of Silas Enlow are Cle and Sarah E., the latter the widow of Shaw Buttz. Shaw Buttz was born in Liberty July 31, 1854, and at the age of twenty-one married Sarah E. Enlow, who was then eighteen years old. Mr. Buttz died March 6, 1916. Most of his life was spent on the old Meacham homestead at the edge of Liberty, where Mrs. Shaw Buttz and her sister Cle Enlow still live. Mrs. Buttz having lost her only child in infancy took into her home Dottie, her niece, at the age of six years, and reared her. This niece is now Mrs. Atchley, of Los Angeles, California, and is the mother of two daughters, Nora and Evelyn. Mrs. Buttz reared another girl from the age of six years, Della May Moore, now a woman grown and still with Mrs. Buttz and Miss Enlow. Miss Cle Enlow was a teacher in Adams County for a few



years. She has given much of her time generously and self sacrificingly to the care of other people. She looked after her mother, and was devoted to her father, who in old age had lost his sight and hearing. Her mother needed her constant care for ten or fifteen years. Miss Cle Enlow also looked after her father's sister, Eliza Enlow Leach, during her old age. Mr. Shaw Buttz built the present brick home in which his widow and Miss Enlow reside. It is the center of a fine farm of 109 acres, adjoining the Village of Liberty on the north.

**GILBERT VANCE STEWART.** One of the valuable and productive farms in Payson Township is the Golden Rule Farm a half mile south of Plainville, with Gilbert Vance Stewart proprietor. The farm has many other interests aside from its value and productiveness. It has been the home of a family of sturdy citizenship, characterized by keen progressiveness and mental ability for a great many years. The present proprietor was born on that farm October 3, 1854. He is a son of Gilbert and Catherine (Merrill) Stewart.

Gilbert Stewart, Sr., was born in County Down, Ireland, April 20, 1815, fifth in a family of five sons and one daughter of John and Isabel (Vance) Stewart. John Stewart died in the old country. Gilbert Stewart when ten years of age came to America in company with a brother, sister and mother and the family settled in Maine and lived there about twelve years, then came on west and located in Adams County. Gilbert Stewart reached this county in 1837, when he was twenty-two years of age. His brother William, above referred to, was one of the early day nursery men of the county, having the first nursery in the county outside of Quincy, his place of business being just north of Payson. He did much to furnish the original stock and stimulate fruit growing all over the county. William Stewart died of typhoid when about fifty-five years of age, December 13, 1857. Alexander Stewart, another brother of Gilbert, moved to Chariton County, Missouri, just north of Salisbury. Still another brother, John, died in Maine. A sister, Isabel, married Jasper Whitecomb, and died October 30, 1899. Mrs. Isabel (Vance) Stewart who came to America with her children died while with her son Gilbert in February, 1856, aged seventy-four years. Her body was the first interment in the Stewart Cemetery, for which Gilbert Stewart, Sr., donated half an acre of ground. The Stewart Cemetery is now incorporated, having been so since 1916 with one acre added.

Gilbert Stewart, Sr., had a very limited education, but was a man of superior intelligence and read and observed so as to make up largely for early deficiencies. On May 6, 1851, he married Catherine Merrill. She was born in Cattaraugus County, New York, January 31, 1830, daughter of Nathaniel and Lucinda (Bassett) Merrill. She died December 14, 1896, aged sixty-six years. Soon after her birth her parents moved to Pennsylvania, lived there seven years, and then came to Adams County. The Merrills and Stewarts were neighbors in Payson Township. Catherine Merrill's mother died in Hancock County, Illinois, March 8, 1859, aged fifty-six years, and her father died at the age of seventy-eight, October 17, 1874, and with him the name Merrill ceased to exist in Adams County except in the female line. Catherine Merrill's sister Julia married into the Hibbard family. Her brother, Nathaniel B. Merrill, was killed in battle at Memphis, Tennessee, September 16, 1863.

Gilbert Stewart, Sr., died August 4, 1890, at the age of seventy-five. He was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church and his wife was a Methodist. On the old farm he had built a stone house in 1850, close to the west side of the farm near a spring. He set out one of the early orchards and his place was famous for its fruit in those days. In 1874 he built the house that still stands on the farm, and in 1876 erected the substantial barn and after that various other out buildings. His business life was spent on the farm. From 1837 to 1840 he had owned land in partnership with his brothers, and came to what is now the Golden Rule Farm in 1840. The family of Gilbert Stewart and wife consists of the following children: Emily F., who died September 7, 1895, at the



age of forty-three, wife of David Hulsizer, who has since died in New Jersey; Gilbert Vance, second of the family; Charles W., a resident of Palmyra, Missouri; Russell B., of Anthony, Kansas; Roscoe E., who bought half of the old homestead farm, improved it, and died there July 18, 1910; George M., who for seventeen years was a merchant at Plainville and is now living retired in that village; and Arthur M., who died November 13, 1918, aged fifty-two.

Gilbert V. Stewart has in his home one of those rare antiquities that some people often pay large sums of money to secure. It is a Grandfather's clock, brought by the family from Ireland, and known to have been in the family possession for at least 118 years. It is a splendid specimen of skilled cabinet workmanship. Its walnut case is hand carved and stands seven feet high. Just before he died Gilbert Stewart, Sr., willed this clock to his son Gilbert V. For a quarter of a century it was silent, but for forty years it has kept time with an accuracy hardly surpassed by modern timekeepers. It is a living link between the eighteenth and the twentieth centuries, and five generations of the Stewart family have regulated their daily lives by its voice.

Gilbert V. Stewart grew up in Adams County, attended the local schools, and for five years of his early manhood lived on his uncle William's farm near Payson Village. In 1884 he went to Anthony, Kansas, and in company with his brother Russell had some experience in farming in that state. In 1891, after his father's death, he returned to the old home and bought sixty-five acres, including the house and homestead and also the Gilbert Stewart Cemetery. He has cleared out fully twenty acres from heavy timber and devotes the Golden Rule Farm to the staple crops and the raising of cattle, hogs, mules and horses. Mr. Stewart is a democrat and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

December 1, 1878, he married Miss Susie Delaplain, a cousin of C. E. Delaplain of Quincy, and daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Horn) Delaplain. Mrs. Stewart was born in Hampshire County, West Virginia, November 3, 1848. In 1871 she came to Adams County with her uncle, Levi Delaplain, and her parents came on two years later, locating in Payson Township. About 1882 the Isaac Delaplain family moved to Kansas, where they spent ten years, after which they returned to Plainville and her father died there in March, 1892. The mother afterward lived with her daughter, and died at the home of a daughter in Benton, Arkansas, November 27, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Delaplain were married March 23, 1841.

Columbus F. Stewart, oldest of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert V. Stewart, was born December 5, 1879, and resides at Frankfort, Illinois. He is employed by the Interurban Railway. He married Vesta Wagy, and their five children are Stanley Vancil, Edna E., Paul A., Ruth S. and Lewis F. Lurah B. Stewart, born March 5, 1881, married Oscar E. Stewart, son of Albert and Maggie Stewart. He was born February 14, 1877, and was educated in the Quincy High School and Business College. He lived in Missouri four years and then returned to Illinois, and died from typhoid at Quincy four months later, February 20, 1910, at the age of thirty-three, and when life held out its best promises to him. He left his widow with three children, who now live with Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, his parents. These three grandchildren are Ralph Allen, a freshman in high school, Gilbert Vance, Jr., aged twelve, and Esther Mary, aged nine.

VALENTINE J. KIEM, resident of Melrose Township for a long period of years, has had a career that challenges admiration and respect. It has the solid basis of industry and is crowned by a success of his own achieving, won by the strictest regard to honest principles and integrity of character.

He is of the third generation of the Kiem family in Adams County. His grandfather, Justinus Kiem, came to America from Saxony, Germany, in 1847, and soon afterwards located on a farm in Melrose Township. The family still

possess that original homestead, owned by the different generations for over seventy years.

Valentine J. Kiem was born June 26, 1858, third in the family of four children born to Valentine and Anna Marie (Ulrich) Kiem. His father was born in 1828, and lived in Adams County as a practical farmer from the age of twenty until his death in 1885. Further reference to the Kiem family will be found on other pages of this publication.

Valentine J. Kiem was reared and educated in his native township, and for many years has been noted as one of the leading fruit growers of the township. He specializes in the tree crops of apples, peaches and pears, and has a fine estate of forty acres, mostly in fruit.

June 21, 1899, Mr. Kiem married Catherine M. Vollmer. Of their two children only one is now living, Irma Mildred, who was well educated in the common schools and also in the country high school, and received instrumental musical instruction. She lives at home with her parents, and is a member of the Lutheran Memorial Church at Quincy and of the Red Cross Society.

Mrs. Kiem was born in Adams County June 16, 1869, daughter of George W. and Anna Mary (Balzer) Vollmer. Her parents had five children, all living but one: George W., who is a farmer at Salt Fork, Oklahoma, and has three sons, Elmer Ellis, Harry Dick and Scott E.; Daniel Edward, who is janitor for Carthage College at Carthage, Illinois, and is married but has no children; Mrs. Kiem; and Dora Louise, wife of Frank Stockseck.

George W. Vollmer, father of Mrs. Kiem, was born in Germany and came to America as a young man. He was a harness maker and saddler by trade and followed those lines in Liberty and Quincy. He was a republican voter. Both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church at Liberty. His wife was only thirteen years old when she came to the United States, and is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Kiem.

Mrs. Kiem was educated in the common schools, and was well qualified by training and by natural aptitude for the work of professional nurse. She took her training for that profession in Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Mrs. Kiem's first husband was William E. Bartholomew. She had two children by that union, one of whom is still living, Helen Lucile, wife of Howard F. Petrie, a commercial salesman living at Wichita, Kansas. Mrs. Petrie is a graduate of the Quincy High School. William E. Bartholomew died in September, 1896, after he and his wife had been married only three years. He had completed a liberal education in the Lutheran College at Springfield, Ohio.

Mr. Kiem married for his first wife, March 29, 1882, Miss Mary Ann Erke. Three children were born to their union, all of whom are living. Alice Anna is a nurse and modiste in Los Angeles, California. She was educated in the public schools, and is a member of the Lutheran Church at Los Angeles. Jessie C., the second daughter, is the wife of Eldon Kidson, a salesman in a departmental store at Louisiana, Missouri. Mrs. Kidson was educated in the public schools. They have a daughter, Beulah. They are members of the Pentecostal Church of Louisiana. Louise, the third daughter of Mr. Kiem by his first wife, was educated in the common schools and is now the wife of Earl Abel, a farmer at Burton, Illinois. They have a son, Russell Earl.

Mr. Kiem is a republican in politics. His first presidential vote went to James A. Garfield and he has always supported his party loyally and has served as a delegate to various county conventions. For two terms he was township clerk, for three years was road commissioner, and for twelve terms was a school trustee. His fellow citizens have appreciated his ability and judgment in promoting every matter of local benefit. He and his wife are active members of the Quincy Memorial Church of the Lutheran faith.

Their homestead is known as the Orchard Grove Farm, located  $1\frac{3}{4}$  miles from the city limits of Quincy. In the fall of 1917 Mr. and Mrs. Kiem and daughter Irma took a vacation and visited friends and relatives at Wichita, Kansas, and in Oklahoma, and while there Mr. Kiem was a close observer of



many phases of the great oil industry of the Mid-Continent oil fields. Mr. and Mrs. Kiem were also visitors to the World's Fair at St. Louis in 1904, and Mrs. Kiem and her daughter Helen traveled through the East in 1899. They are people who keep up with the advance made in the world's knowledge and affairs and they stand for the good things of life in general.

GEORGE WILSON HUNSAKER. Probably there is no more widely known citizen over Adams County and up and down the Mississippi Valley than George Wilson Hunsaker of Fall Creek Township. Mr. Hunsaker represents a family that was established in that township more than eighty years ago. His own life has been spent there, not only as a successful farmer and farm manager, but as a citizen who has gained a host of friends by his genial fellowship and interests in hunting and outdoor life. Hundreds of devotees of the rod and gun know Mr. Hunsaker and have delighted in his companionship on many excursions through the woods and fields and in the favorite fishing places.

Mr. Hunsaker, who now lives retired at Marblehead, was born 1½ miles south, on the old Hadley farm, January 15, 1854.

The Hunsaker family originally had their home in Pennsylvania. Daniel Hunsaker, Sr., came from that state to Illinois, where he was a pioneer. Daniel Wilson Hunsaker, father of George W., was born in Union County, Illinois, September 25, 1820. When he was at an early age his parents moved to Jefferson County, Missouri, where he attended school, and, four years later in 1834, established their home in Adams County. Daniel Wilson Hunsaker grew up in Fall Creek Township, a mile west of Marblehead. On July 24, 1850, he married Miss Frances Shurte. They were married at Marion City, Missouri. She was born in South Bend, Indiana, October 30, 1828.

At the time of his marriage Daniel W. Hunsaker had no capital, and he first lived in a log house and rented the Hadley farm. When his son George was four years of age he moved to Macon City, Missouri, and lived there until 1862. He left Missouri on account of war conditions. In the center of that town was erected a pole with a broom at the top, signifying it was the intention of the community to sweep out all northern people, and as a matter of fact most men of northern sympathies did leave. At Alexandria, Missouri, while on the return to Adams County, his horses while on pasture were stolen. Thus he returned to Adams County and began life again at the bottom of the ladder.

In 1873 he bought his first tract of land, fourteen acres at \$100 an acre and later he purchased more land, going in debt for it. His security in that transaction was A. E. Bebee. The land had no buildings, but he went ahead and made improvements, and after getting it paid for traded for part of the farm now owned by his son George. In that neighborhood extensive deposits of stone were quarried, some of which was used for the courthouse at Quincy, the statehouse at Des Moines, the customhouse at St. Louis and the bridge over the Mississippi River in Louisiana. There were nearly 300 workmen employed in these quarries, and as their presence offered opportunity for trade, Daniel W. Hunsaker started a saloon and was in that line of business about six years. When the stone proved unsuitable for building purposes, not being frost proof, other parties set up lime kilns, and there was established the Marblehead Lime and Cement Company.

The profits from his business enterprise D. W. Hunsaker invested in bottom land, acquiring about 250 acres covered with heavy timber. He sold large quantities of wood for use in the lime kilns, a cord bringing \$4. Eventually he had about 160 acres in cultivation.

The present residence on the home farm was built in 1881. D. W. Hunsaker was a democrat but never in public service. He died March 27, 1904, and his wife on April 18, 1906.

George Wilson Hunsaker was the only child of his parents to reach mature years. His boyhood was spent at home, and as a youth he learned telegraphy at the home station of the railroad, and at Quincy he learned that art under



S. E. Mills, the agent at Marblehead. For eight or nine years he was an operator, from 1873 to 1881, and during that time was in the employ of the Burlington, the Hannibal and St. Joe, the Chicago and Alton, the Denver and Rio Grande railways.

December 20, 1881, Mr. Hunsaker married Elizabeth Bowers, of Marblehead, daughter of Franklin and Sarah A. Nickerson Bowers. She was born at Marblehead November 24, 1864. Mr. Hunsaker for over thirty-five years has managed the home farm, though his father was nominally its responsible head until his death. Mr. Hunsaker has consented to serve in but one office, that of township collector. For the past sixteen years he has been a republican in politics.

His favorite diversion as a hunter and fisherman has been referred to. He is a very companionable sportsman, and has enjoyed the friendship of all the leading hunters of Quincy and other cities. His land was the home of a hunting club that had among its membership many well known men of Quincy. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Mr. Hunsaker had a family of five children. Malinda Viola married Lawrence M. Poor, a foreman for the Atlas Cement Company at Hannibal, Missouri. Oscar C. enlisted in the army as soon as the United States declared war against Germany, his enlistment being made at Chicago, and after a brief training in a North Carolina camp he was sent overseas and has been on the battlefield in the Heavy Artillery ever since. Franklin W. Hunsaker married J. Goodwin, and lives at Marblehead. Emma married Frederick Wittland and died at the birth of her second child, when only nineteen years of age. Her first child was Mildred Catherine, and the second, George Henry, was reared by Mr. and Mrs. Hunsaker and is now eleven years of age. The present wife of Frederick Wittland was Sally Hunsaker, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Hunsaker.

**WILLIAM G. KIEM.** One of the old and honored families of Adams County is that which bears the name Kiem and which has been represented here for seventy years. Its members have been mainly engaged in agricultural pursuits and have been noted for their honorable and upright dealings and their good citizenship. A worthy representative of the name is found in William G. Kiem, who was born in Melrose Township and has made that locality the scene of his industrious life as a farmer and stockman. He and his worthy wife have reared their children and have reached a point in their affairs where comfort and pleasure share equally with the demands for labor and productive effort.

Both his grandfather, Justinus, and his father, Valentine Kiem, were natives of Germany and came to Madison County in 1848. Valentine Kiem was born near Gotha in Saxony, Germany, on March 6, 1828, and was nineteen years old when he and his father, Justinus, and other members of the family set sail from Bremen and after a voyage of eight weeks landed at New Orleans. From there they came up the river to Adams County and soon bought eighty acres in Melrose Township, land now occupied and owned by William G. Kiem. Valentine Kiem was an honored resident and practical farmer in Adams County, at one time owned a place of 160 acres of fertile and productive land, and lived here until his death October 31, 1885. He was an independent voter, and he and his wife were members of the Salem German Evangelical Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Ulrich, was born in Saxony, Germany, October 6, 1833. She died in October, 1898, and both she and her husband now rest in the Green Mount Cemetery. Mary Ulrich was a daughter of Christopher Ulrich, who after coming to Adams County joined a party of gold seekers and went to California during the days of '49, crossing the plains, and that was the last ever seen or heard of him by his people. The report that came back was that he had been murdered. Valentine and Mary Kiem had five children, three sons and two daughters. The four now living are: Christian, who was educated in the German and English languages and is a

retired farmer living in Quincy. He is a democrat and is married and has eight children. Mary, the second of the family, is the wife of Lambert G. Frederick, of Melrose Township. Valentine J. is one of the leading citizens of Melrose Township. The fourth and youngest is William G.

William K. Kiem was born in Melrose Township on the land that he now occupies March 9, 1864. He attended the common schools and now for over thirty years has applied himself with diligence and successful ability to the business of farming. On November 20, 1890, he married Miss Minnie F. Erke. They are the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters. Of the three now living the oldest is Edna M., who went from the common schools to the Illinois Western Normal at Macomb, and is one of the talented public school teachers of Illinois. During the past three years she has been identified with the Jefferson Junior High School, and altogether has spent seven years in the profession. She is also prominent in social and war activities, is president of the local committee of the National Council of Defense, is a member of the Red Cross, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. She accompanied her parents when the family made an interesting trip to the San Francisco Exposition in 1915. Ruth L., the second child, a member of the class of 1918 in the Quincy High School, is the wife of Russell D. Herleman and she is now teaching. She is a pianist, a graduate in music from St. Mary's Academy, is affiliated with the Melrose Chapel Church and is also a participant in Red Cross activities. The only son, Edgar C. E., a graduate of the class of 1918 in the Quincy High School, is now attending college at Champaign. He was in the enlistment for the war.

Mrs. Kiem was born October 6, 1866, daughter of William and Louisa (Fleiskamp) Erke. She has one living brother, William, a resident of Melrose Township living on the old Erke Homestead. He is a republican and a member of the Salem German Evangelical Church.

Mrs. Kiem's father was born in Germany and came to the United States with very little capital. He began at the bottom of the ladder, afterwards bought eighty acres in Melrose Township and was one of the well situated farmers of that locality. He died January 4, 1899, and his wife passed away in 1873, when Mrs. Kiem was only seven years old. They were members of the Salem German Evangelical Church, and were laid to rest in Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Mrs. Kiem was educated in the German and English schools and grew up in her native county. She has been a splendid wife and mother to her family, and the prosperity of the Kiems is a tribute to her energy and good judgment.

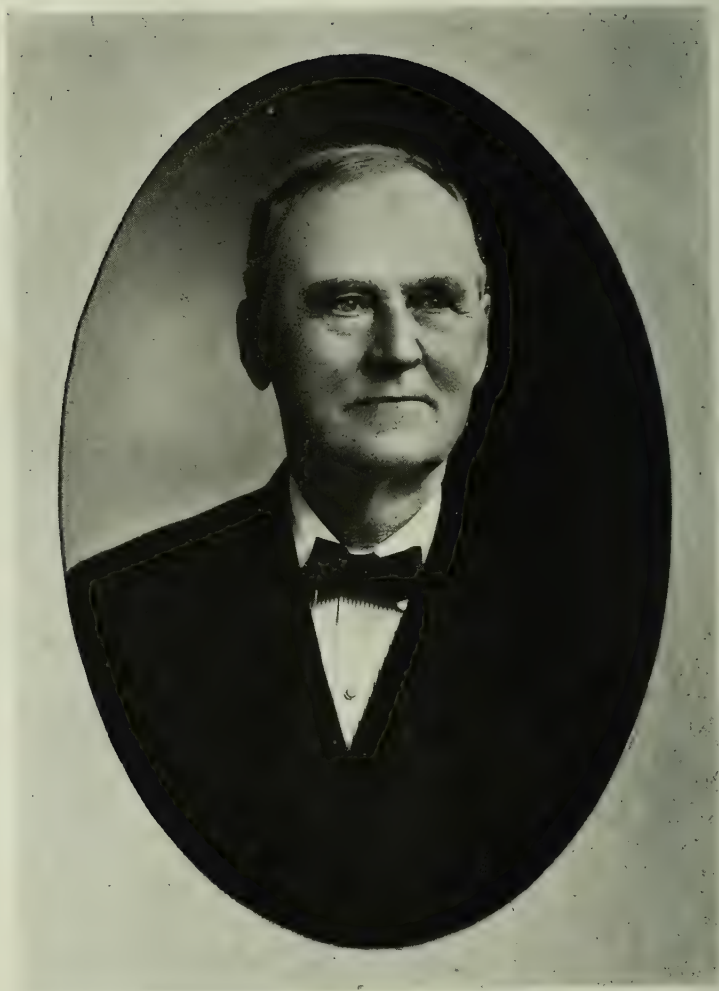
Mr. Kiem has always been a republican in political affiliations, but gives his vote independently in matters of local moment. He has been selected as delegate to county conventions. The welfare of the public schools always makes a strong demand upon his spirit of helpfulness and for from twelve to fifteen years he has served as a school director. The Kiem family divide their church allegiance between the Salem Evangelical and the Melrose Chapel churches.

In 1915 Mr. and Mrs. Kiem and their children took a vacation which brought them rest and recreation as well as many opportunities to see their native land. Their chief destination was the San Francisco Exposition. Going west, they journeyed through St. Louis, Kansas City and El Paso to Arizona and Los Angeles, which gave them an opportunity to see the homes and surroundings created by the vast wealth represented in the cities of Los Angeles and Pasadena, and then after attending the exposition at San Francisco they returned eastward by way of Ogden and Salt Lake, inspected the wonderful Mormon Temple with its vast auditorium and its perfect acoustics, and also spent a few days in the famous mountain resorts of Colorado. They returned home after an absence of four weeks.

The Kiem farm in Melrose Township is known as the Spring Brook Stock Farm, and has been brought to a high state of productiveness both for the culture of grain and raising of live stock. The home is two miles from the city limits, and is within half a mile of the State Aid stone road. It is a farm of







*Benjamin F. Berrian*

much value and also an abode of hospitality, where the many friends of the family find a cordial welcome. The Kiems appreciate the value of money for what it will bring, and have made their home one of such conveniences and advantages that many city dwellers might envy. The house and barns are lighted by acetylene gas, the heating is by furnace system, and all other modern details are successfully worked out. The family also enjoy the advantages of a good touring car.

**GEORGE KEIL.** The rich farming community of Fall Creek Township has known three George Keils. It is an old and noteworthy family. They have been among the most substantial people of that locality, have cleared and improved the land and proved their worth as citizens at every point.

The George Keil under present consideration owns the old Keil homestead in Fall Creek Township, eleven miles southeast of Quincy. On that farm he was born December 24, 1863.

His grandparents were George B. and Louise Keil. The former was born in Frankisch Grumbach, Hesse-Darmstadt, November 19, 1808, and died April 23, 1892. His wife, Louise, was born September 27, 1818, in Lippe-Detmold, and died February 14, 1869. These dates are found on the headstones in the Bluff Hall Cemetery, where both were laid to rest.

A son of these parents was George Keil, Jr., as he was known. He died at the early age of forty-five. He married Margaret Speckhart, and they were married on the farm where their son George was born and where he now lives. Margaret Keil is still living, residing among her children.

Mr. George Keil owns 260 acres of his father's home, and has added eighty acres of adjoining land; also owns eighty acres a mile east, and has a 120-acre farm in Payson Township, with twenty-four acres of standing timber. All this land is used for general farming.

While Mr. George Keil is one of the successful farmers and progressive citizens of this locality, his home place is partly by preference and partly by accident somewhat remote and it does not indicate to the passer by its real value. The residence stands half a mile back from the country road and is not visible until close at hand. The approach is through pasture and over ditches. There is still another point of approach, through a picturesque gorge, whose overhanging rocky sides threaten the traveler, and whose bed at times roars with the torrent flood.

Mr. Keil is a democrat, as was his father, and served as road supervisor one or two years.

At the age of twenty-seven he married Hannah Heitholt. She was a widow at the time, and her children by her first husband were Fred, George and Emma Wollbrink. Mr. and Mrs. Keil had one daughter, Anna, wife of Henry Althoff, and they live on her father's Payson Township farm. For his second wife Mr. Keil married Christina Blumer. They have three children, Elizabeth, Wilma and George.

The family attend the Bluff Hall Congregational Church. Mr. Keil's home was built by his father almost a room at a time. His father at the time of his marriage had two rooms of logs, and these were added to from time to time. The land originally was covered with heavy timber, and in the process of clearing much of it was burned and went to waste.

**HON. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BERRIAN** came to Quincy at the age of fourteen, grew up in the community, developed with it, and for over half a century his life and actions were a determining factor in its history. He was long prominent in public affairs, and was one of the ablest lawyers of Quincy.

He represented a prominent old family of the East, and was a son of George W. and Hannah (Brower) Berrian. George W. Berrian, his father, was one of the first men to prospect over this section of Western Illinois. In 1818, in company with an uncle, he made the long overland trip to this state, and

in the state formed the acquaintance of John Wood, afterwards governor, and the founder of the City of Quincy. From this trip Mr. Berrian carried away many impressions which finally determined his investment in land here and the establishment of his permanent home at Quincy. The family once owned a section of land now known as South Park in the southern portion of Quincy, and also in the northern section, part of which was platted as the Primrose Addition. George W. Berrian spent his last years in New York City and died at Brooklyn at the age of eighty years. His wife, Hannah Brower, was a native of New York City and survived her husband several years, both dying when about the same age. She was an active member of the Methodist Church. George W. Berrian and wife had three sons: George W., Jr., who died in 1898; William, who died in 1896; and Benjamin Franklin.

Benjamin Franklin Berrian was born in New York City October 2, 1830, and died at his home in Quincy July 15, 1911. He was active almost to the last and was stricken with heart disease while measuring some land which he had sold.

As a youth he acquired a good education and soon after reaching manhood took an active part in public affairs. He was the first alderman from the Fourth Ward in 1857 and was re-elected in 1858 and in 1860. In 1869 he was elected mayor of Quincy, and that administration was signalized by many important economies and reforms, including cash payments for city expenses. In the meantime he was studying law in the office of Wheat & Marcy and was admitted to the bar. He was elected county judge with probate jurisdiction in 1877, and for seventeen years held that important office. He was distinguished by a judicial mind, absolutely fearless and with an unimpeachable integrity and was always ready with his legal ability to uphold justice and succor the needy and unfortunate.

Along with his law practice he developed many important business interests. He platted Primrose Addition to the city and encouraged the location of a fine class of people there by founding the beautiful park that bears his name, Berrian Park.

Judge Berrian married for his first wife Charlotte Elliott, who died May 26, 1863, leaving three children: John S., a resident of Los Angeles; Benjamin F. Jr., who died September 1, 1918; and Hannah M., wife of Judge Lyman McCarl, one of the editors of this publication.

January 28, 1868, at Quincy, Judge Berrian married Genevra Nance. Mrs. Berrian, who resides at the old home on North Twelfth Street, a part of the original Everett estate, has lived in Quincy since she was five years of age. The present Berrian home has been her place of residence for forty-seven years and many large and handsome trees have grown up as adornment since the Berrians located there. Mrs. Berrian was born December 11, 1844, sixteen miles east of Quincy at the old village of Columbus, daughter of Clement and Permelia (Watson) Nance. Her father was one of the earliest settlers of Columbus, which one time was a rival for county seat honors. He located there in the late '30s and for a number of years was a merchant. In 1849 the Nance family removed to Quincy, where Mrs. Berrian grew up. For many years she has been an active and sustaining member of the Unitarian Church, of which Judge Berrian was also an active supporter. Judge Berrian was also prominent in Masonry, a Knight Templar, and in politics was a democrat.

Mrs. Berrian was the mother of one child, Clement Nance Berrian, who was born October 18, 1883, and spent much of his life as an invalid. He was liberally educated, and had the promise of a brilliant career when he was stricken with tuberculosis of the spine. He died October 25, 1911, only a few weeks after the death of his honored father.

**ALTROGGE BROTHERS.** One of the conspicuous instances of successful farming and general agricultural and stock raising enterprise in Adams County is furnished by Altrogge Brothers, Henry and John Altrogge, whose scene of oper-



ations is five miles southeast of Quincy and half a mile east of Melrose Chapel in the township of that name. Both are young men, but have displayed remarkable energy, foresight and all around business ability in handling their affairs, and have made their success in an era of high prices, when the average man considers the acquisition of a farm almost beyond his reach.

Both are natives of Adams County and were born at Walnut Springs where their mother Mrs. Theodore Altrogge is still living. Henry was born May 12, 1873, and John, October 27, 1880. They are sons of Theodore and Mary (Willing) Altrogge. Theodore Altrogge was born in Germany and was seven years of age when he was brought to the United States with his parents. His mother died on the ocean and was buried at sea. The father came on to Adams County and settled on land where Mrs. Theodore Altrogge is still living. He died soon afterward. He was both a farmer and shoemaker. Theodore Altrogge grew up on the old place, learned the shoemaker's trade, and also farmed thirty-two acres. He died there December 2, 1904, at the age of sixty-five years, five months and sixteen days. His children were: Henry; George, living with his mother; Lizzie, wife of Andy Klauser, of Ellington Township; John; Frank, a stock buyer and shipper at Quincy; and Mary, Mrs. John Grawe, of Melrose Township.

Henry and John Altrogge have been associated in business since 1907. For six years they rented land and then bought their present farm, the old Matt Pease place of 100 acres. For this they paid \$135 an acre, and bought it altogether on time. It has been paid for and they have also acquired forty acres of pasture land three miles away at \$40 an acre. They also operate 120 acres under lease of the L. P. Wheeler farm and thirty acres of the Niekamp farm. All this constitutes a large body of land, much of which is devoted to general grain farming, principally wheat and corn, and in less than ten years by their co-operating energies they have acquired a property that makes them at once among the most substantial citizens of the county. The house on their home farm was burned election day in April, 1916, and it was rebuilt in the same year. In 1913 the brothers built a large barn, and they have an equipment of buildings thoroughly adequate for all their needs.

For nine years John Altrogge was associated with his brother Frank as a buyer and shipper of livestock, and sent about two carloads to market every week. The brothers are democrats and are members of St. Antonius Catholic Church, this old center of worship being two miles from their home.

Henry Altrogge married in 1908 Miss Mary Tulle, who died December 21, 1915. Her only son died in infancy. John Altrogge married, June 14, 1911, Eleanor Kroner. They have a family of three children, named Raymond, Helen and Mildred.

**WILLIAM J. SMITH.** The present county clerk of Adams County has many interests and associations that identify him with this section of Illinois. He was born here, and when Adams County was just emerging from its wilderness condition his grandparents established homes on tracts of Government land. There is a long and honorable record of the family, who have been known as substantial land owners and agriculturists and men who have borne their responsibilities with credit in every relationship.

The county clerk was born at Ursa in Adams County July 26, 1870, a son of William B. and Susan (Lowry) Smith. The paternal grandparents were James Glenn and Sarah (Cundiff) Smith, who came from Kentucky to Adams County in 1830, and the 160-acre farm which the grandfather acquired from the Government and developed for agricultural purposes is now owned by his grandson, Thomas B. Smith, of whom mention is found elsewhere in this work. This old homestead is situated near Ursa. William B. Smith was a native of Kentucky and was a small child when the family came to Adams County. He died at the age of fifty-eight and his wife two years later. The maternal grandparents of William J. Smith were John and Isabel Lowry, who brought their

family from Londonderry, Ireland, where Susan Lowry was born, and settled on a farm in Adams County in 1836. William B. Smith and wife were the parents of six children: Sarah E., deceased; Isabella L. Walker, deceased; Thomas B., owner of the ancestral estate near Ursa, and in whose sketch appears the family record; Margaret and Susan, who died in infancy; and William J.

William J. Smith lived on the farm and attended the rural schools until he was fourteen, after which he continued his education in the Quincy public schools and spent one year in the college at Carthage, Illinois. He faced the serious responsibilities of life at the age of eighteen, and for three years was employed in the office of John H. Best, traffic manager of the Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City Railway. He then went back home and participated in farming there for four years. Taking a civil service examination, he went to work for the Government as letter carrier in Quincy and was with the postal department there for ten years. He still retains his membership in the Letter Carriers' Association. Mr. Smith resigned as letter carrier to become deputy county clerk in 1906, and the four years he spent in that office was an invaluable preparation for his present duties. Leaving the county clerk's office he went on the road as traveling representative of Armour & Company, and continued that work until elected county clerk in 1914. Mr. Smith's political activities have been in the democratic party. He is a Mason, a member of the Woodmen of the World, the Loyal Order of Moose, and belongs to the Adams County Mutual Benevolent Society. His church is the Presbyterian.

February 25, 1902, he married Maude E. Brazier, of Macon, Missouri. They have one child, Elizabeth. By a previous marriage Mr. Smith has two children, William Bryant, now an auditor, and Hunter B., a machinist.

GEORGE M. WAGNER, a well known business man of Payson, is a genial, accommodating merchant, whose personality makes for increased trade. He has a wide acquaintance, and the prosperity he enjoys is only an adequate return for the service he has rendered.

Eight years ago Mr. Wagner bought the stock of goods formerly owned by E. E. Thompson in the Masonic Building at Payson. He has since added to the stock, and now carries the normal value of \$6,500 in his store. Mr. Wagner was born in Payson Township February 13, 1872, son of L. C. and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Wagner. His father was born in Pike County, Illinois, of German parentage, and spent his active career in Pike and Adams counties. He died June 11, 1911, while the widowed mother is still living at Payson.

George M. Wagner grew up on the home farm, worked out by the month, and at the age of twenty-four married Frances Moore, daughter of Roger and Emeline Moore. Her father is deceased and her mother lives at Payson. Mrs. Wagner was born in Columbus Township and was nineteen years of age at the time of her marriage.

After his marriage Mr. Wagner began clerking for G. W. Lawrence and Brother in a general store. He was there six years, at wages of \$1 a day. For two years he was with Mr. Thompson at increased pay, and also did considerable business as a teamster, freighting for local stores, until he bought his present establishment. Since then he has given all his time and energies to his business, which has grown most satisfactorily. Mr. Wagner has also served as township tax collector, and is a democrat in politics. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian Church, and he was made a Mason in Payson Lodge four years ago.

STEPHEN A. BENSON. The farm that he owns, the way in which he manages it and his standing as a man and citizen in the community entitled Stephen A. Benson, of Payson Township, to some special mention in this work. Mr. Benson's home is one mile south of Plainville, and the Benson family have been anchored in that locality for over sixty years.

Stephen A. Benson was born at Kinderhook, Pike County, Illinois, about



seven miles from where he now lives, October 5, 1854. His parents were Pleasant C. and Catherine (Parks) Benson, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Pike County, Illinois. Pleasant C. Benson came to Pike County, Illinois, when a lad with his parents, John and Lucinda Benson. The grandparents spent their old age in Adams County and died when about ninety years of age. One son of John and Lucinda remains at Kinderhook. Another son, John, Jr., went to California at the same time with Pleasant, making the trip overland, and remained in that state. He was killed when still comparatively young, leaving a wife and three children in California. Pleasant C. Benson remained only a year in California and had the average experience of the early day miners and prospectors in that region. Returning to Illinois, he married and in 1856 moved to the farm where Stephen A. Benson now lives. Later he had his home for a time at Barry, and finally retired to Plainville, where he died in his sixty-fourth year. His widow survived him fifteen years and also passed away at Plainville. Pleasant Benson owned 240 acres in a body, most of it prairie land, though including some timber. His improvements in the way of buildings still stand. During Civil war times he built the present barn, though it has since been remodeled and worked over by Stephen A. Benson. About sixty years ago he built the house, and that is one of the interesting structures of old time workmanship and materials built at the time in Adams County. The siding for the house was cut from heavy black walnut. There are many hundreds of feet of fine walnut lumber still in the house. Pleasant Benson was not a man who appeared much in public life, and was satisfied to give his time quietly and inconspicuously to his farm and his family. He belonged to no church nor fraternity. He and his wife had only two children, Stephen A. and Clara. The daughter married Wilson Lester and died when about fifty years of age in Plainville. Pleasant Benson gave her 160 acres and also built a house and otherwise improved it for her.

Stephen A. Benson has spent all his life on the farm to which his parents moved when he was an infant. He managed the farm during his father's lifetime and now owns 160 acres in the old estate. He has grown the staple crops and has done much stock feeding, his chief interest along that line being the feeding of hogs. Like his father before him he is a democrat, but is chiefly a voter.

September 24, 1876, Mr. Benson married Miss Eliza Waggy, daughter of Oscar and Rebecca J. Waggy, of Plainville. Mrs. Benson was born in Payson Township August 11, 1856. Mr. and Mrs. Benson have three sons. Charles, born July 28, 1877, lives on the home farm, and served three years as road commissioner. Ellis is cashier of the Plainville Bank and married Gertrude Ramsey. Floyd is still at home. Mr. Benson is an active Mason, also an Odd Fellow at Plainville, and has filled the chairs in both orders and has represented both lodges in the Grand Lodge. He is a member of the Royal Arch Chapter at Barry, fourteen miles from his home. He and his wife are both enthusiastic Eastern Star members. Mrs. Benson was initiated in the Eastern Star at Kinderhook thirty years ago and has been very active ever since. She has filled all positions, including worthy matron of the Chapter and was delegate to the Grand Chapter at Chicago.

EDWARD NORTON LARIMORE. Members of the Larimore family have lived so long and have been so prominently identified with Payson Township that it is difficult to specially identify any member of the family by unusual prominence. Identification, however, is easy in the case of Edward Norton Larimore, who for many years has been proprietor of the Bli Bro Farm of Aberdeen Angus cattle and has done as much possibly as any other Illinois man to popularize that strain among the farms of the state. His farm is 21 miles southeast of Quincy and  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles southeast of Plainville.

Mr. Larimore was born March 9, 1870, and is a son of Albert W. and Julia

F. (Pottle) Larimore. A complete account of the Larimore family in the various generations and branches will be found on other pages.

Edward N. Larimore spent his boyhood at the home farm, and had one year of instruction in Knox College and took the short course in the Agricultural School of the State University. In 1891 he moved to his present farm, where he bought 160 acres, but now has 226 acres.

In addition to his efforts as a livestock breeder Mr. Larimore has been unusually successful as an orchardist. On taking possession of his farm more than a quarter of a century ago he set out an orchard of twenty-five acres. These trees have been in bearing now for fifteen years. Later he set out another thirteen acre tract and two years later bought thirty acres more of orchard. He now has three separate orchards, totaling sixty-eight acres. The thirteen acre orchard is almost entirely Jonathan apples. The principal variety is Ben Davis, and he also has many Grimes Golden trees. In 1914 9,086 barrels were packed in the orchard. He handled that large crop himself. In 1918 he sold his crop on the trees. Mr. Larimore is a charter member of the Mississippi Valley Apple Growers' Association. He was one of the pioneers in using the spray to battle diseases. He and two other men started spraying in the same year. For a long time it was necessary to spray only once a year, but now commercial growers claim at least three sprayings a year necessary. Mr. Larimore keeps all his trees trimmed to low heads, and fertilizes with home produced manure. He uses clover as a cover crop, but each year cultivates his orchards with a disc harrow.

Mr. Larimore's Aberdeen Angus herd was established in 1886. It is next to the oldest herd of that kind in Illinois. His father made the start with one imported cow, and gradually the business has been built up on a registered basis. Mr. Larimore's herds at one time contained seventy animals. He now has only nine registered cows, and eighteen head altogether. He does not exhibit any of his stock and is satisfied with only local sales. It was some years before neighbors began to wake up to the fact that some of the finest beef stock in the world was being produced on the Larimore farm. Since then the quality of the Larimore herd has been sought by farmers and stockmen all over this section, and today there is hardly a neighborhood which does not have some of the original stock from the Larimore herd. The original nucleus of the stock was Old Maid of Bli Bro. The head of his herd for a number of years was Imported Delacourt, an almost full brother to a pair of celebrated Scotch bulls, and an animal of great individual merit. The present head of the herd is Eno Woodcote. This is a grandson of Prince Ito, a \$10,000 animal. Mr. Larimore is also a grower and feeder of hogs for the market. His farm was formerly the old Vickers farm, the house having been built by a still earlier owner than Mr. Vickers.

Mr. Larimore is a director of the State Bank of Plainville. He is Central Precinct Committeeman of the republican party, and has attended several state conventions of delegates. During 1918 he gave much of his time to war work, including the campaigns for Liberty Loans, Red Cross, and the United War Work campaign, being captain of the latter organization. Mrs. Larimore is equally active in Red Cross and other movements. Not a little is due the untiring efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Larimore for the fine showing made by Payson Township. Mr. Larimore is a recognized prince of good fellows, and has a circle of loyal friends all over this part of Illinois. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge at Plainville, and has held most of the chairs of the Lodge. He and his wife are members of Plainville Methodist Church.

October 5, 1898, Mr. Larimore married Miss Winifred Hartshorn, of Richfield Township, daughter of Alvin Hartshorn, still a resident of that township. Mrs. Larimore was born in Richfield Township and was twenty-four years of age at the time of her marriage. She finished her education in the Barry High School and was a teacher in Adams County prior to her marriage.



**CHARLES J. HYER.** One fact which stands out as evidence of Charles J. Hyer's progressiveness and success as a farmer is that he lives in a farming community which, it can be safely asserted, has no superior in point of rural management and productiveness anywhere in Western Illinois. The Hyer farm is on the township line between Payson and Fall Creek Township, a mile west of Payson Village, and its own improvements make it a worthy part of the landscape which includes such splendid homes as those of Henry and L. K. Seymour and that of H. F. Scarborough. Practically every farm in that community might be taken as a model of productiveness, while the character of the owners represent the highest elements of good farming, good citizenship, and all around success in life.

Charles J. Hyer was born in Burton Township of this county January 9, 1870, son of William and Sophia (Harms) Hyer. His father was born in Hanover, Germany, son of Henry Hyer, who came to the United States and settled in Burton Township when William was a child. Henry Hyer died in Gilmer Township, near Fowler, at the advanced age of eighty-two. His four sons were: Henry, who left Adams County twenty-five years ago and died in Kansas; Charles and Theodore, both of whom live at Paloma, this county.

William Hyer married Sophia Harms, who was born at Quincy, daughter of Julius Harms. Julius was a native of Brunswick, Germany, was a carpenter, and died in Quincy at the age of ninety years. William Hyer moved to Riverside Township, near Holms Springs, now known as Spring Lake, and he died in that vicinity at the age of fifty years, leaving his widow and four children. The four children were: Charles J.; Emma, widow of August Erke, of Melrose Township; Edward and John, both residents of Quincy. Two children, George and Anna, are deceased. They married and left families.

Charles J. Hyer lived at home to the age of twenty-five. In the meantime he had attended the local schools, and when he took up farming it was with the determination to make a success and a career of the business. On February 21, 1899, he married Mary Ann Eisenberg, daughter of Fred and Louisa (Mueller) Eisenberg, of Ellington Township. Her parents now live on North Fifth Street in Riverside Township. Mrs. Hyer was born in Ellington Township and was twenty-two years of age at the time of her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyer started out as renters. For four years they lived in Marion County, Missouri. Then they bought a farm near Taylor, Missouri. Four years later, having sold there, they returned to Illinois, and in 1908 established their home in Payson Township, buying the old Wingfield farm, of 156 acres on Pigeon Creek. It was only recently, in 1918, that Mr. and Mrs. Hyer removed to their present place and their high class community. They bought the Horace Bernard farm of 147 acres. The land had scarcely any buildings worthy of the name. He at once planned and built a model country home, comprising eight rooms, heated with furnace, and with modern conveniences at every turn. He has a complete system of waterworks, including a cistern with a pressure tank operated by a gas engine. The house is also completely wired for electricity.

Mr. Hyer has served as a road commissioner of Payson Township, having been elected to that office on the republican ticket in a democratic township. He is identified with the Adams County Mutual Insurance Company. He and his family attend worship in the Congregational Church at Payson. Mr. and Mrs. Hyer have four children, all at home, Edith, Marguerite, Frederick and Charles, Jr. The daughter Edith graduated from the Payson High School in 1918 and is now teaching in Payson Township. Marguerite is a student in the Payson High School.

**GEORGE ALBERT LEASE.** Every fact and feature connected with the name and career of George Albert Lease of Payson Township signifies his progressiveness and unusual ability. The Lease home is a mile east and half a mile south

of Plainville, and is one of the fine estates in that section, pleasing to the eye and representing a great amount of value and productiveness as well.

Mr. Lease was born on the old home near his present place September 3, 1863, son of John W. and Eleanor (Lewton) Lease. His father was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, June 1, 1828, and at the age of twenty years came with his parents, Jacob and Phoebe Lease, in 1848 to Adams County. The family settled in Payson Township, spending one winter on a farm. The grandparents spent the rest of their lives in this county, where the grandfather died at the age of eighty-four. John W. Lease had two brothers. Jacob moved to Pike County, Illinois, and died in advanced years. Henry remained in Payson Township and spent his last days at Hull in Pike County. There were also two sisters: Phoebe married William H. Thompson, of Payson Township, and they finally moved to Oregon and spent their last days at Sweet Home, that state. Susan married Emery Harris, a farmer of Pike County, Illinois, where he died. She then became the wife of A. M. Simpson, and she spent her last years at Plainville, where she died at the age of sixty-five. All three of the brothers died suddenly.

John W. Lease married at the age of twenty-five Eleanor Lewton, then sixteen years of age. Her home was near Barry in Pike County. For several years after his marriage John W. Lease rented land near Plainville and then bought the home where his son George A. was born. He bought that place about 1856. It contained sixty-five acres, most of it in cultivation. He cleared out much of the woods and underbrush and kept on adding to his property until he had 500 acres. The old homestead now consists of 240 acres. The land was used for general farming, the raising of many cattle and hogs. In 1892 John W. Lease moved to the old Jacob Baker farm of 160 acres, the house having been built by the widow of Mr. Baker. Here he lived retired and finally went to Plainville, where both died. He never held any public office, was a democratic voter, and a supporter of all churches. His wife died February 28, 1908, and he passed away October 15, 1911. They were the parents of twelve children, including: William H., who married Mary Nowell, of Pike County, died at Payson October 3, 1895. Mary Etta is the wife of Asbury Wagy, of Dawn, Missouri. Susan M., is the widow of John S. Thompson, and is living at Plainville. Charles E. married Ella Fitzgerald, married for his second wife Susan Deere, and for his third wife Anna Sweeney. The next in age is George A. Margaret E. married Charles Wingfield and died at Quincy at the age of twenty-five, leaving three children. Elmer Lewis married Luella Higgins, of Pike County, and he is now a widower living at Billings, Montana. John A. married Fanny Bemont, and went to Colorado and is now living at Billings, Montana. Frances is the wife of Dr. M. Rice, a dentist at Blandensville, Illinois. Alta married Leroy Lease at Plainville, and later married his brother, Ellis Lease, now of Quincy.

George A. Lease has spent all his life at the old home. At the age of twenty-five he married Sarah E. Raymer, of Plainville, daughter of Henry Raymer, a farmer of that section. She was born in Payson Township and was twenty-one at the time of her marriage. In 1898 Mr. Lease took charge of his parents' farm, and later bought the original eighty and still later the 160 acres, and upon the settlement of the estate he acquired another forty acres formerly owned by his father. To this he has since added 183 acres, giving him 463 acres divided into three tracts or three farms. The 183-acre farm was for some years the property of his brother C. E. Lease. Mr. Lease now handles all this large place, and his operations as a stock farmer are in proportion to the extent of his land. He fed about 150 head of hogs every year and of late years has fed 200 head. In 1918 he sold a bunch of hogs numbering 134 for a total price of \$6,095, about \$45 apiece on the average. He keeps good horses, including mules, and has eight or ten fine dairy cattle, selling the cream and feeding the skim milk on the place. He is a stockholder in the Bankers and Farmers Livestock Insurance Company, and a member of the County Farm Improvement Asso-



ciation. Mr. Lease is a democrat, and his wife is a member of the Baptist Church of Plainville.

They have one son, Stanley H., born December 6, 1898. He graduated from the Quincy High School in 1918 and in the fall of the same year entered the Student Army Training Corps at the State University. This son is an interested and enthusiastic stock farmer. Two years ago he bought a thoroughbred Aberdeen Angus cow, and has kept all her increase registered and now has the nucleus of a fine herd of Aberdeen Angus, including four cows and heifers and one bull. The son is a member of the Aberdeen Angus Breeders' Association.

EMMOR E. THOMPSON. The community around Payson has long come to look upon Emmor E. Thompson as a leader in affairs, not only as a successful merchant, but as a man whose talents and capabilities enable him to perform greatly appreciated service in many ways for his fellow men.

Mr. Thompson was born in the Village of Payson April 28, 1860, son of Andrew U. and Elizabeth (Yingling) Thompson. His father was born in the American Bottoms near Alton, Illinois, December 4, 1825. About 1840 he came to Adams County, his parents both having died. His older brother, Winston, accompanied him to Quincy. His uncle, Elijah Thompson, lived at Payson. A sister of Elijah was Mrs. Obediah Waddell, whose old farm was in Melrose Township, four miles from Payson on the country road.

Andrew U. Thompson was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith trade at Payson. He worked at the trade for twenty-five years, operating a shop in Payson. He moved to a farm 2½ miles southeast of the village on the Payson and Plainville road, along Pigeon Creek. He cleared a part of that land, the entire farm comprising eighty acres. He died there April 1, 1875, in his fiftieth year. He was a very hard worker and had made considerable progress in clearing up his new farm. He was an active Methodist and a local preacher, and did much to keep up the musical activities of the church. For many years he taught singing classes and was a leader of the choir for thirty years.

In January, 1850, Andrew U. Thompson married Elizabeth A. Yingling. She was born December 24, 1827, in Payson Township, a daughter of Joseph and Nancy Yingling. Many references to the Yingling family are made on other pages of this publication. Her father was of Pennsylvania Dutch and her mother of Kentucky ancestry. Mrs. Andrew Thompson died June 2, 1902, at the age of seventy-five. She had lived on the farm continuously except for about four years after her husband's death. There were nine children, two of whom died in infancy. Charles W. was a well known teacher in Adams and Hancock counties, also in Kansas, and is now a resident of Chicago. Emily T. has been a teacher since the age of sixteen, teaching in Payson Township, in Kansas and for twenty years has been connected with the schools of Chicago. She married Robert Norris, now deceased, who was principal of the Payson schools while she was a teacher there. Anna E. is the wife of William Howard, who was reared in Adams County, and now lives at Los Angeles, California. Joseph S. learned the blacksmith and carpenter's trade, and at the age of twenty went to California and Oregon, and for the last twenty-five years no word has come to his people concerning his whereabouts. The next in age is Emmor E. Edwin P. is a blacksmith at Plymouth, Illinois, learning the trade at Camp Point. Wilbur F. is business manager of the Illinois State Band and has long been well known in musical circles. He has taught band music and has organized a number of musical organizations.

Emmor E. Thompson began doing some work on the home farm as early as seven years. He was fifteen when his father died, and the next four years he attended high school at Payson. At the age of nineteen he taught a term of school in Hancock County, and was connected with public schools, chiefly in Adams County, for ten years. Part of the time he was also operating the old home farm.

November 25, 1886, Mr. Thompson married Minnie M. Morris, daughter of



William H. and Jennie (Fowler) Morris. She was reared in the same community as her husband, and was twenty-three years of age at the time of her marriage. Her father, William Morris, came from Ohio when a youth and settled on Pigeon Creek in Adams County, his parents later spending their last years at Payson. William Morris died in December, 1912, at the age of seventy-five. His wife was born either in Tennessee or Kentucky and came when a child with her parents to Adams County. She died in 1906. The old Morris farm is now owned by their son Frank.

Emmor E. Thompson continued his farming until 1903, when he bought a general store in Payson. Since then he has been a merchant. His headquarters for eight years were in the Masonic Building. He also bought the George Sinner Building and for one year conducted a grocery and men's furnishing business, then selling the grocery stock and continuing the men's furnishing goods, rubber goods, shoes and notions. He has a large trade. He also still owns the old farm on Pigeon Creek and has improved it with a new house and barn.

Mr. Thompson has been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since he was fifteen years of age and has served as trustee and steward and for eleven consecutive years as Sunday school superintendent. He has always sung in the choir and has frequently been a leader in musical affairs. He learned when a lad to play the bass horn, and since then has acquired some proficiency with every band instrument. He played with the Cleveland band and at one time was leader of the Plainville Band. For nine years Mr. Thompson was a member of the School Board and during that time the High School building was erected. He served as president of the Town Board two years, and as police magistrate three years, resigning that office to become justice of the peace, in which capacity he is still serving. Mr. Thompson has been called upon to draw up most of the legal papers for his neighbors and friends. He was executor of the estate of John P. Lewis, and has had many other offices of trust and responsibility. In early days he was rather noted as a baseball player, and was very enthusiastic about that sport. It is possible that baseball lost a big leaguer in Mr. Thompson largely because of the practice of Sunday playing.

Mr. Thompson has two children: Loyal Morris Thompson, born February 23, 1888, is an able young minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now located at Lacon in Marshall County, Illinois. He graduated from the home district school, from the Payson High School in 1906, then spent four years in Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, graduating in 1910. In 1913 he completed his theological course in the Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Illinois. For five years he was local minister at Silvis, Illinois, and has also preached in the Payson Church. He married Hazel Heath, a graduate of the Musical Conservatory of Northwestern University. She is a very talented and highly trained musician and has had complete charge of the church music since her marriage.

Hazel Thompson, born February 1, 1892, graduated from the Payson High School in 1912, and in September, 1914, became the wife of Arthur L. Cosgrove. Mr. Cosgrove operates the Thompson farm. They have one child, Coral Ione.

GEORGE D. LEVI. A straightforward, upright man, bounteously endowed with common sense, alive to all that is going on in the world around him, and especially interested in the welfare of his home city, George D. Levi, of Quincy, has been actively identified with many important enterprises and a constant worker for the advancement and betterment of the community. He was born in Quincy, March 26, 1866, of German ancestry.

His father, Edward Levi, was born and educated in Germany. Coming to Illinois in early manhood, he located in Quincy, where he subsequently lived a successful life. He was city comptroller a few terms, and afterwards in the mail service for a time. Then, in company with George Ertel, he was prosper-



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ously engaged in the manufacture of hay presses in Quincy. He subsequently lived retired until his death in 1907. He married Minnie Aumann, who was also a native of Germany, and to them six children were born, as follows: Amelia, at home; Edith, at home; George D., with whom this sketch is chiefly concerned; Harry and Charles, deceased; and Walter, of Quincy.

Leaving the Quincy High School at the age of sixteen years, George D. Levi completed a course of study at the Gem City Business College, after which he spent a year with the Stahl Commission House. Since that time he has been connected with the office of R. G. Dun & Company, of which he is now the able and efficient manager. His efforts, however, are not confined to one line of endeavor, he being at the present time a member of the National Credit Association and one of the state committee superintending the work of the National Defense Association. For these positions Mr. Levi is well adapted, being a man of broad capabilities, resourceful, and quick to grasp a situation and utilize given opportunities. In local affairs he is quite active, his influence being felt in business circles. He served as president of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce in 1915-16-17 and part of 1918, and it was largely through his influence and ability that the substantial building the organization now occupies was erected. The address of President Levi at the dedication of the building was characteristic of the man, showing that he had a keen sense of the duties and responsibilities, not only of the officers of the association but of each and every member of the Chamber of Commerce as men and as loyal and trustworthy citizens.

Mr. Levi married, July 9, 1892, Nellie Kintze, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, and to them two children have been born, Edward and Helen. Politically Mr. Levi is a democrat. Fraternally he is active and prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to and past master of Bodley Lodge No. 1, Eastern Star and Consistory, and has served as secretary of the Masonic Temple Association for eight years and he was largely responsible for the building of the Masonic Temple. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Royal Arcanum.

HENRY E. WHARTON. Adams County and particularly the southern half has for many years been one of the chief producing centers of fruit in Illinois, and the fame of Adams County apples has spread all over the Mississippi Valley. Local horticulture is not entirely due to climate and other physical advantages, but even more to the enterprise, knowledge and expert skill of some horticulturists who have lived here and concentrated their energies for years upon this profession. Among them perhaps the most widely known as an authority on scientific propagation is Henry E. Wharton, who is now practically retired, but is still interested in fruit growing on his home place in Payson Township.

Mr. Wharton was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, fifteen miles from Philadelphia, September 17, 1845, son of Benjamin and Amy (Smedley) Wharton. The Whartons are of English ancestry and established their home in Pennsylvania before the Revolutionary war. Benjamin Wharton was an only son. His uncle, General Wharton, distinguished himself as a soldier in the early half of the last century.

In 1853 Benjamin Wharton took his family of children to Wayne County, Indiana, and located eight miles from Richmond, at the Village of Hillsboro. Five years later, in 1858, the Wharton family came to Western Illinois and located in Pike County, not far from the Adams County line. In the same fall they moved to the Village of Payson, and Benjamin Wharton bought the Payson Hotel. He died in February, 1859, of pneumonia, at the age of forty-two. His widow continued the hotel there for twenty years, until her death. Benjamin Wharton's children were as follows: Kate married Frank Krauss and died at St. Louis in 1895; Emma married Jess Bernard, and they moved to Clay County, Missouri, where she died in 1910; Amy is the wife of Jacob

Urech, well known in Adams County as editor of the Mendon Dispatch; the next in age is Henry E.; Eleanor as a girl attended school at Payson, her teacher being T. C. Poling, and she is now the wife of that well known Quincy banker; Sarah married for her first husband V. W. Bernard and is now the widow of Harry Baughman and is living at San Diego, California; Margaret is the deceased wife of William Holman, of Payson; Lydia married Charles Sinnock and lives in Montana.

Henry E. Wharton was thirteen years of age when he came to Adams County. Up to the age of twenty-seven he lived in the hotel with his mother and had a part in its management. His education was the result of attendance at the common schools. In 1864 Mr. Wharton went to the Pikes Peak mining region in Colorado, spending a few months, and after his return to Adams County he became associated with Albigeance Scarborough, Jr., son of Deacon Scarborough, whose career features so prominently in the early history of Payson Township. The younger Scarborough owned the land now included in the farm of Henry E. Wharton. They formed a partnership to enter the nursery business. At that time the Concord grape was exciting a great deal of attention all over the state and the West and there was a great demand for the sets. The partners built a greenhouse to propagate these sets, and from that they entered the general nursery business. Henry E. Wharton as a boy had worked in the orchards of Deacon Scarborough and also for his son. This son finally lost all his property through mortgage. After giving up grape propagation they started growing apple and peach stock and in a short time Mr. Scarborough withdrew from the firm, leaving the business to Mr. Wharton.

Mr. Wharton soon had a reputation as a very practical, expert and reliable nurseryman. He took many contracts to set out orchards and he also agreed to take care of the young trees for two or three years. This professional service as well as the stock from his nurseries had a demand which extended all over Adams and Pike counties and over the river into Missouri. Eventually he had fifty acres in his nursery, practically all of it devoted to growing fruit stock. He continued this business actively until about 1905. Mr. Wharton personally supervised the planting and furnished the trees for many of the important orchards in Adams County, including practically all the commercial orchards. He had many hands working under him, but he always did his own grafting. The advice which he gave to both amateur and professional orchardists was always to limit planting to a few standard varieties, including the summer, fall and winter fruits. Mr. Wharton was employed to set out the extensive Seymour orchards, also the orchard of Joel Scarborough. Joel Scarborough in later years absolutely refused to purchase tree stock from any other grower. During the past thirteen years Mr. Wharton has given up his business and professional service, and now spends his time looking after his own orchard of about fourteen acres. He is one of the prominent members of the Mississippi Valley Apple Growers' Association.

February 7, 1873, Mr. Wharton married Mrs. Mary A. (Gilbert) Nicholson. She was born at Payson February 7, 1840, and in 1858 became the wife of John Nicholson. By that marriage she was the mother of three children, the only one now living being Lucy, Mrs. H. M. Seymour. Mr. and Mrs. Wharton had three children, Reba G., Harry E. and Arthur H. The only daughter is Reba G., born December 30, 1873. She has long been prominent in educational affairs. She is a graduate of the Illinois State University, also the University of California at Berkeley. She taught at Payson, Clayton and in the Quincy High School, and spent two years in the Pittsburg Academy at Owatonna, Minnesota, and for the past five years has been Dean of the Junior College at Riverside, California, and also teacher of history in that school. The son Arthur Harlan, born in 1878, is associated with his father and lives on the home farm. He married Edna Thompson, a sister of William A. Thompson. They have three children, Roger and twin daughters, Louise and Lucile.

Mr. Wharton is a democrat in politics, but about his only office of importance



has been as town clerk. Mrs. Wharton is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

William Gilbert, father of Mrs. Wharton, was born in Norfolk County, England, December 24, 1802. He learned the trade of millwright. In early manhood he located in New York State. He was an employee of a company in New York who made a specialty of building power windmills for grinding and other purposes. A company of Adams County pioneers, including Deacon Scarborough, Deacon David Prince, John Burns and others at Payson, secured his services to come to Payson and build a windmill, which he constructed in 1836 or 1837. In the meantime he left his wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Gaskin, and their one child in New York. He boarded with Deacon Prince until his family joined him here in 1839. On February 7, 1840, their daughter Mary A. was born.

After completing the windmill Mr. Gilbert remained to operate it as miller. This mill is frequently referred to and was an historic structure. It stood on the site of the present home of Frank Arnold in Payson Township. It was operated as a toll or custom mill. The wind mill or sweeps were erected on a stone tower sixty feet high. The wings were thirty feet long, giving the total diameter of the wheel sixty feet. At that time this was as much a marvel of construction as many years later the famous Ferris wheel of the Chicago World's Fair. William Gilbert was an expert machinist, as the construction of this mill will prove. From the top of the tower was afforded a great range of vision, and Mr. Gilbert always kept a spy glass for use by the visitors. Some of the more venturesome would climb out to the end of one of the sails and be carried aloft until eighty or ninety feet above ground. From that high position it was possible to obtain a complete view of Quincy, Hannibal and other places. Mrs. Wharton grew up practically in the shadow of this mill, and is one of the best authorities concerning its history. Her father survived her mother about twenty years. Mrs. Wharton recalls that the first school she attended in Adams County was taught by a half Indian named Clymer.

EDWARD P. ALLEN has found his hours and days fully engaged in the practice of a busy lawyer since his admission to the bar, and though a young man in years there need be no hesitation in ascribing him place among the leaders of the Adams County legal profession.

Mr. Allen was born at Quincy January 15, 1884, and is a son of John A. and Anna M. (Lane) Allen. His father, who died at Quincy in November, 1906, was a prominent citizen and had lived in Adams County since 1868. Prior to that he had made a gallant record in the Union army during the Civil war, had attained the rank of lieutenant colonel and for a brief time served as military governor of North Carolina during reconstruction times. He was in the tailoring business at Quincy for a number of years, but is perhaps best remembered through his long service of thirty-five years as justice of the peace. He was born in New York State, and his wife, who died in February, 1908, was a native of Ohio. They were the parents of four children: John C., Anna M., Robert C. and Edward P. The first three are now deceased.

Edward P. Allen after finishing his work in the public schools of Quincy took up law study privately and was admitted to the bar in 1907. Along with a gratifying private clientage he gave six years to the office of city attorney and for two years was master in chancery. Mr. Allen has twice been a candidate of the democratic party in this congressional district for Congress, in 1914 and 1916. He is prominent in the orders of Masons and Elks and a member of the Episcopal Church. September 8, 1909, he married Miss Maude Homan. They have one daughter, Anna Lane, born December 12, 1910.

TIMOTHY P. CASTLE. It is probably true that nothing has advertised Quincy to the world at large so much as stoves made in this city. The stove industry is a primary one, at the very foundation of the city's industrial prosperity. For



Rufus and Malissa (Simmons) Putnam. Rufus Putnam was born in Adams County September 8, 1833, only a year after the Black Hawk war. He grew up at a time when no public schools existed, and acquired his education in a school supported by subscription. He took up farming and acquired a fine place of 280 acres in Ellington Township. Rufus Putnam is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, living native son of Adams County. He is now eighty-five, and is a venerable and highly esteemed resident of Quincy. He is one of the few men still living who voted with the whig party in early days, and is one of the true and original republicans, having been affiliated with that organization steadily over sixty years. He is also one of the few men still living who heard the historic debate of 1858 between Lincoln and Douglas. In the Putnam family there exists an old parchment deed to a tract of land in Adams County, executed under the hand and seal of President James Monroe. Monroe was president from 1817 to 1825, and that is another proof of the early residence of the Putnam family in this locality. Rufus Putnam donated the land on which the Presbyterian church in Ellington Township stands, and for many years was one of the pillars of that church. He married in 1855 Miss Simmons, who died in 1889, and is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery of Ellington Township. They were the parents of six children, the only son being William H. Of the five daughters two are still living, Fannie and Edith, both residents at the old home in Quincy with their father. Both were well educated and are active in the Daughters of the American Revolution and in the Red Cross societies.

William H. Putnam has spent all his mature years as a farmer. He acquired a good practical education in the common schools and attended the Howe and Musselman Business College at Quincy. After his marriage he began farming on part of his father's old estate, and has found in good honest toil all the rewards to satisfy his ambition and provide for those dependent upon him.

December 7, 1887, Mr. Putnam married Miss Maggie Duncan. Their family consist of three children, two sons and one daughter: Earl D. is a farmer on his grandfather's old place in Ellington Township. He is one of the younger and progressive farming element of the county, and graduated from the Quincy High School in 1908. He married Miss Winifred Simmons, and their two children are Russell R. and Marjorie M. Earl and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church and in politics he is a republican. The other son is Rufus Bennett, who graduated from the Quincy High School in 1909 and is now farming in Mendon Township. He married Miss Sallie Ann Johnston. The daughter Helen is a graduate of the class of 1918 in the Quincy High School and is very active in the Presbyterian Church, the Red Cross societies, and the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Putnam was educated in the common schools and also attended the Knox Seminary at Galesburg. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Ladies Aid Society and is a participant in Red Cross work. She has nobly filled her sphere of duties as wife and mother.

In politics Mr. Putnam is a republican, casting his first vote for James A. Garfield, and has never seen a good reason why he should deviate from the old and time tried principles of that organization. His official record has made him a man of prominence in his home locality. He served as road commissioner, township clerk and is at present secretary and treasurer of the Ellington and Riverside Mutual Insurance Company. He has been of great service to the Sunday school of the Presbyterian church, and his record of nineteen years as superintendent stands to his credit. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam have traveled extensively. In 1909 they toured the Southwest, including the cities of Fort Worth, Houston and Galveston, Texas. Mrs. Putnam before her marriage visited the Mardi Gras celebration at New Orleans. They have also been to the Pacific slope and Mr. Putnam was a visitor at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876. Their home is a beautiful one and is widely known under the name Putnam Spring.

**ROBERT MCINTYRE.** A native of Adams County and one who has spent his entire life within its borders, watching its development throughout the years of its greatest growth, Robert McIntyre is so well known to the citizens of this great agricultural and business district that anything like an introduction seems superfluous. Mr. McIntyre has not been content merely to witness this progress, but has been a participant in the movements for the raising of the standards of agriculture and of general country life, and in his official work as supervisor of Ellington Township has a record that bears inspection from every side.

Mr. McIntyre is of Scotch-Irish ancestry and was born in Adams County May 4, 1865, the youngest of eleven children, five sons and six daughters. These children included: David, who died July 29, 1918, was a well known farmer of Riverside Township, was educated in the common schools but largely trained himself and had a successful career. He was a democrat. Alice, the next in age, is the widow of J. L. Potter, of Quincy, who died in August, 1918. They were the parents of three children. Mr. Potter was a republican and a member of the Episcopal Church. James McIntyre, a retired resident of Quincy, died September 20, 1918.

Robert McIntyre is a son of Robert and Maria (Enbody) McIntyre. Robert, Sr., was born in the north of Ireland and came to the United States when a young man. His first place of settlement was in Pennsylvania, where he married, and about 1864 brought his family to Adams County and lived here the rest of his days. He was one of the founders of the Ellington Presbyterian church. By occupation he was a contractor, and his business relations in that field extended over a wide range of country. He was a builder of railroads and bridges, and constructed one of the largest bridges in the East at that time. Through his operations in business affairs he invested heavily in lands in Adams County, and acquired more than 1,250 acres in Ellington and Melrose townships. He was a democrat in politics. He died in 1876, when his son Robert was only eleven years old. Both he and his wife are buried in Ellington cemetery. His wife was a native of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, and represented both French and Pennsylvania German ancestry. She was a very devout member of the Ellington Presbyterian church.

Robert McIntyre, Jr., grew up in Adams County and had a practical education in the public schools and also in the Military Academy at Chester, Pennsylvania, and the Morgan Park Military Academy in Chicago. Since early years his interests and vocation have been identified with farming and stock raising.

February 20, 1895, he married Miss Emily S. Smyth. They have a daughter and son, Edith E. and Robert Ray. The daughter is a graduate of the common schools, both in the country and in Quincy, spent one year in the Woman's College at Jacksonville, Illinois, and is now the wife of Glenn Chatten, of Riverside Township. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church. The son, Robert Ray, is now in the eighth grade of the public schools.

Mrs. McIntyre was born in Adams County August 16, 1867, oldest of nine children, two sons and seven daughters, whose parents were William and Barbara (Wray) Smyth. Seven of the Smyth family are still living. Elizabeth is a graduate of the Quincy High School, taught three years in her home district, and is now a stenographer at Chicago. Margaret was educated in the Quincy High School and is the wife of Fred Colby, a retired resident of Los Angeles, California. They have a son, William. Edith R., who completed her education in the Quincy High School, is the wife of Arthur Dixon, a hotel proprietor at Wichita Falls, Texas. Jessie, who also attended Quincy High School, is the wife of Lee R. Mathew, an automobile dealer and a grower of oranges, lemons and walnuts at Pomona, California.

William Smyth, father of Mrs. McIntyre, was born near the City of Londonderry, Ireland, in 1825, and died in Adams County, January 17, 1906. He was sixteen years old when he came to the United States, and from that time until his death was a resident of Adams County. As a farmer he developed an estate



of 200 acres in Melrose Township, and he was one of the fine characters of that district and as such is well remembered. Politically he voted as a democrat, and served in some of the local offices, including that of road commissioner. He and his wife were active members of the Presbyterian church of their locality. Both are buried in Woodland cemetery. His wife was a native of the same locality as her husband.

Mrs. McIntyre was well educated in the grammar and high schools of Quincy, and since her marriage has acquitted herself most creditably in her duties as wife and home maker. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre located on the old McIntyre homestead, but about 1895 bought 200 acres of fine land in Ellington Township, and here they made their real start in life, heavily in debt, but industry and economy have brought as their rewards a splendid home and farm establishment, improved with a handsome residence, farm and other buildings, and all now clear from obligations. The McIntyre home is one that many city residents might well envy. It is equipped with acetylene lights, furnace heat, telephone, rural mail delivery, and many advantages and comforts that city homes are denied.

Mr. McIntyre is now in his third successive term as supervisor of Ellington Township. In his official capacity among other work he erected a modern school building known as the Standard School, and has liberally supported every movement for improvement of the schools and for good roads. For a number of years he served as school director and road commissioner. In fraternal matters he is especially interested in Masonry, being affiliated with Herman Lodge, No. 39, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Quincy, with the Royal Arch Chapter and the Scottish Rite Consistory. He and his wife are active in the Ellington Presbyterian church. They are numbered among the prosperous farmers of Adams County and own and enjoy for pleasure and for business a good touring car of the Reo type.

GEORGE B. POWELL. Many years of association with the agricultural interests of Adams County have given George B. Powell a recognized position among the practical agriculturists of Ellington Township, where he and his wife own one of the most beautiful and attractive homes of that rural district. Mr. Powell has spent his active life in Adams County, is known as a skilled tiller of the soil and as a citizen who gives his aid and influence to worthy civic measures and movements, and his business record is irreproachable.

He was born January 30, 1854, youngest in the family of ten children, four sons and six daughters, of George W. and Mary Ann (Beatty) Powell. Four of the children are still living. Frances is the wife of Alonzo Dewitt, a farmer at Shelby, Missouri. They have one son. They are members of the Christian Church. Francis M. is a resident of Bentley, Hancock County, Illinois, and by his marriage to Miss Anna Campbell has three children. They are also members of the Christian Church. William B. is a retired farmer in Quincy.

George W. Powell was born in Kent County, Delaware, in 1800. He grew to manhood in his native state, had only a common school education, and throughout his active career followed farming. After coming west he lived near Kahoka, Missouri, but from there moved to Adams County, Illinois, and developed a good farm of 140 acres in Ellington Township. He was a democratic voter. He died in Adams County in 1890. His wife was a native of Ireland and was brought when a child by her parents to the United States. The Beattys settled in Southern Illinois. Mrs. Mary Ann Powell died when her youngest child, George, was an infant.

The latter spent most of his youth in the home of his uncle, John Beatty, a man of noble character whom it is his delight and pleasure to recall with every mark of affection to his splendid manhood. Mr. Powell acknowledges his uncle Beatty as the source of much of the influence and wisdom which have made him in turn a successful man and citizen. John Beatty was born in Pennsylvania,

at Philadelphia, and grew up with a good kind man named John Brown, for whom he was named. John Beatty and his two maiden sisters, Catherine and Jane, constituted a fine old household of Adams County, and all of the members of that household took part in the early education of Mr. Powell. These kindly people have all long since passed away, and a monument in Woodland cemetery marks their last resting places.

Mr. Powell after reaching manhood, on October 3, 1889, married Miss Mary D. Dralle. Mr. and Mrs. Powell have had no children of their own, but in the goodness of their heart they have reared three children in their home, and these adopted children regard them with all the devotion of true parents. The first child that came to them was Catherine Shaffer. She was educated in the common schools and the Quincy High School and is now the wife of Harvey W. Allen, who is connected with the Electric Wheel Works at Quincy and lives at 2520 Chestnut Street. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have one daughter, Mary Catherine. The other two children adopted into the Powell home were Emma and Christie Will. Both were given good educations. Christie is a practical farmer and now a member of the Forty-Fifth Infantry Machine Guns, Camp Gordon, Georgia. Both are members of the Episcopal Church.

All the family have been zealous participants in the work of the Red Cross and in every measure designed to promote the efficiency and the speedy and honorable termination of the war with victory for the allies.

Mrs. Powell was born April 26, 1854, fourth in a family of five children, two sons and three daughters. Her parents were Frederick and Mary (Heine) Dralle. She has two brothers still living. Henry, though long a resident and farmer of Adams County, is now living at Champaign, Illinois, where he has educated his children, Ruth and Frederick, in the Illinois State University. The other brother of Mrs. Powell, Frederick, is a retired resident of Quincy.

Frederick Dralle, Sr., father of Mrs. Powell, was born in Germany and grew up and married there and on coming to America landed at New Orleans and at once came north to St. Louis and to Quincy. A wagon maker by trade, he for many years conducted a shop at Quincy. He and his wife were members of St. Peter's Lutheran church. Mr. Dralle died in 1863 and his wife in 1883. Both are at rest in Woodland cemetery. Mrs. Powell was reared in Adams County and had a good training and has sustained the character of the splendid housewife and one devoted to the best interests of her home and husband.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Powell took up farming in Ellington Township, where gradually their possessions have assumed the form of permanent prosperity represented in a fine homestead of eighty acres and a total ownership of 220 acres in Ellington Township. Mr. Powell possesses two old parchment deeds that record original transfers of land from the Government to private ownership in Adams County. Both these deeds bear the date of October 7, 1834, and were signed by Andrew Jackson, then president of the United States. The date of the deeds was only two years after the Black Hawk Indian war.

Politically Mr. Powell is a democrat. He cast his first vote for Samuel J. Tilden, and has steadfastly maintained the principles which he espoused in his youth. He has been selected as delegate to senatorial conventions, and has served as trustee of the Township of Ellington. He and his wife are both advocates of good schools and are members of the Episcopal Church in Quincy. Mrs. Powell was reared a Baptist. As prosperity has come to them and has enabled them to relax somewhat the strenuous toil of their earlier years, they have taken much pleasure in travel. In 1917 they made an extended trip to California, visiting the marvelous cities of the South, Los Angeles and Pasadena, and then traveling over the smooth automobile highways to San Francisco. They returned by way of Salt Lake City, and were greatly impressed by the splendors and ceremonies of the Mormon Temple and its wonders. The Powell home is only four miles from the courthouse at Quincy, and it is a beautiful place to live and also a contributing unit in Adams County's total of agricultural enterprise.



JOSEPH H. LUBBE, member of a family that has been identified with Quincy since 1845, has been a figure and factor in business affairs forty years or more, and is one of the wealthy property owners of Quincy and has used his means and influence in many ways to develop and extend the prosperity of his community. Mr. Lubbe is one of the leading Catholic Church men of Quincy. His home is one of the residential landmarks of the city a beautiful residence which he erected some years ago at 1233 Park Place.

He was born at the corner of Eighth and Hampshire streets, on lots that he still owns, December 23, 1852. He is a son of Anton J. and Elizabeth (Sanders) Lubbe. His father was a prominent pioneer of Quincy. Born in Bakum Oldenburg, Germany, in 1822, he came to the United States and located at Quincy in 1845. In 1849 he married Elizabeth Sanders, who was born in the Kingdom of Hanover. In 1847 A. J. Lubbe engaged in the dry goods business, and continued in that one line for over forty years. He was also a grocer, and much of his success and prosperity came from manufacturing and dealing in altar wines. Anton J. Lubbe died in Quincy in 1894, at the age of seventy-two, and his wife passed away in 1898, aged seventy-nine. They were prominent early members of St. Boniface Catholic church. A. J. Lubbe was active as a democrat, served as an alderman for several years, and was also a supervisor. They had twelve children, nine of whom grew up. Those to reach mature years were named Anthony Joseph, Francis, Henry Bernard, Aloysius, Martin, August, Anna and Godehard. One of them, Rev. Francis, was a Jesuit priest and died in the prime of life at Ysleta, Texas.

Joseph H. Lubbe was reared in Quincy, spent one year in college in addition to the work of the parochial schools, and when a young man took the responsibilities of managing his father's business. He especially developed the trade in altar wines, and in former years he shipped this product for sacramental purposes all over the country. He has judiciously used his income and his opportunities to acquire much valuable property in the heart of Quincy and now gives most of his time to the management of those private interests.

In Quincy Mr. Lubbe married Miss Emma Hoehn. She was born here and was educated in the local schools and also at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Her parents were pioneers of Quincy, coming from Germany. All the family were members of St. Boniface Catholic church. Mr. Lubbe served as the first recording secretary of the first Western Catholic Union Society of his church, and has always been active in church affairs.

Of the eight children born to him and his wife only two survived infancy. The daughter, Anna Mary, is a graduate of St. Mary's College at Notre Dame, and is now the wife of Dr. Raymond J. Padburg, of Quincy. Doctor and Mrs. Padburg have two children, Mary Josephine and Anna May, the former in school. The son, Albert J., was born and reared in Quincy, attending St. Boniface School, and also studied journalism at the University of Michigan. He was press correspondent for the St. Louis Republic, and is now a lieutenant in the Signal Corps of Photography.

DANIEL E. ROBBINS. Among the early families to settle in Payson Township were the Robbins and Prince families, who were connected by marriage, and for eight years these names have been significant of good citizenship, honest industry and agricultural enterprise.

The founder of the Robbins family here was Daniel Robbins, who was born in the Town of Plymouth, New Hampshire, October 15, 1813, son of Asa and Jemima (Brainard) Robbins, natives of the same place. The grandfather, Jonathan Robbins, served as a soldier in the Revolution. Asa Robbins fought in the War of 1812. Daniel Robbins grew up on a New England farm, attended the common schools, and later from money earned by his own labor paid a term or two of tuition in a seminary at Plymouth. In the fall of 1839 he came West and settled in Adams County. He located near the Prince family, and on April 26, 1842, married Mary A. Prince, daughter of Deacon David Prince.



*Daniel E. Robbins*





Deacon David Prince, who died in 1873, was one of the real founders of Payson Village and Township. David Prince was a sergeant in an artillery company in the War of 1812. One of his sons, David Prince, Jr., was a physician and surgeon, and at Jacksonville, Illinois, enlisted and served as a surgeon in the Civil war. Another son of Deacon David was Edward, who was colonel of the 7th Illinois Cavalry and a former member of the Quincy Blues. Later he became prominent as a lawyer of Quincy, and was one of the men chiefly instrumental in establishing the waterworks of that city.

Deacon David Prince brought his family west in 1835, and also introduced a stock of goods from New York and established the first store at the village of Payson. He was also associated with those who built the old windmill, the pioneer flour mill of the township. He was one of the charter members of the Congregational Church, and its first deacon. Mrs. Daniel Robbins was born at Bloomfield, New York, April 19, 1820, and was thirteen years of age when she came to Adams County.

A brother of Daniel Robbins was Cephas Robbins, who located in Gilmer Township of this county about 1838. While still a young man he was struck and killed by lightning, and his only child, Louisa M. Robbins, was for many years a teacher in Quincy. Daniel Robbins acquired a good farm of 148 acres in Payson Township, and also owned 480 acres of bottom lands eight miles away. The home farm was open prairie, with only a few spots of timber. He put up good buildings, his land lying partly within the corporation limits of Payson, and he devoted himself to farming and also to horticulture. At one time his orchards produced 7,000 boxes of peaches. He died in August 1888, when about seventy-six years of age, and his wife passed away in December of the same year at the age of sixty-nine. The old house on the Robbins farm was erected in 1860. Daniel Robbins was a whig and later a republican, served as a deacon in the Congregational Church, and he was widely known as Deacon Robbins. His son Daniel E. has the same official connection with the old church.

Daniel Robbins and wife had seven children. The only two now living are Daniel E. and Annie, Mrs. Albert Arthur of Chicago. The son David was a member of Company C of the 50th Illinois Infantry and was killed at the battle of Altoona in the Atlanta campaign October 5, 1864. The son George B. was a sheep rancher near San Antonio, Texas, for five years, but later returned home and died in 1885. Cephas Robbins spent some years in Western Kansas, but died at Oskaloosa in that state. The daughter Mary married Adam Eckman, and they lived on the bottoms near Seehorn, where she died in 1890.

Daniel E. Robbins, whose farm is a half mile southwest of Payson, was born on an adjoining farm on his grandfather Prince's place, December 7, 1843. In 1862, at the age of nineteen, he enlisted in Company D of the 7th Illinois Cavalry, under Lieutenant Colonel Prince, later colonel of the regiment. The regiment was originally commanded by the noted Pitt Kellogg. Mr. Robbins served about a year as a private, a year as sergeant, and subsequently was commissioned a first lieutenant and regimental commissary. After Lee's surrender he remained in Mississippi and Alabama, and for a considerable time had charge of the commissary when its chief duty was to feed refugees. He saw much hard service, and in the entire service, sixty-seven men of his regiment were killed.

August 13, 1866, after returning from the war, Mr. Robbins married Miss Anna C. Thompson, daughter of the late Philo Ellsworth Thompson, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this publication.

Mrs. Robbins was born at Payson January 3, 1844, and she died in June 7, 1904, she and her husband having traveled life's highway together for thirty-eight years. After their marriage they had lived five years on his grandfather Prince's farm, then on a farm adjoining the old homestead, and in 1890, two years after his father's death, he acquired the home farm of



148 acres. This farm was heavily burdened with debt and as administrator of the estate Mr. Robbins saw the place sold under mortgage, but he became the purchaser. He has operated it for over a quarter of a century, and he also owns his previous farm of eighty acres. Altogether he has 250 acres in cultivation and has a fine ten acre orchard. His farming for the most part has consisted of raising hogs and cattle, corn and wheat. Mr. Robbins is now living practically retired, but keeps his home on the farm and gives his time to his apiary and also to mechanical work. He has a shop fitted up with blacksmith and wood working tools, and puts in some hours every day at work that is both pleasurable and a source of use and profit. He is a republican, but his only offices have been as village trustee and as school director for seventeen years. He is a member of the John Wood Post.

Mr. Robbins has a family of five children: Ellen was a teacher in Lincoln, Illinois, also in Medora County, Dakota, where she served as county superintendent of schools. She married in Dakota and is now living at Fresno, California. Mary, who had also taught for a time at Payson, married S. M. Hughes, and she died at Galesburg, Illinois, at the age of forty-five. Grace, who also taught at Payson, married A. T. McCrory, and they are now living at Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Ernest T. Robbins, the only son, is a graduate of high school, as were his sisters, and in 1900 graduated valedictorian of his class from the Illinois State University. After that he spent five years on the farm, and then took post-graduate work in agriculture and animal husbandry in the Iowa Agricultural College at Ames. While there he had charge of the cattle on the college farm for four years. For another four years he served as assistant editor of the *Breeders Gazette* in Chicago, and then became County Agricultural Agent or advisor for Tazewell County, Illinois. He was thus engaged for five years, and is now farm superintendent of the large farm of Henry F. Scarborough in Adams County. He married Ida Folkrod, daughter of George Folkrod, of Ellington Township. Edith A. Robbins, the youngest of the family, remains at home with her father as his housekeeper. At one time she was also a teacher in the Payson schools. She is very active in Red Cross and other war activities and organizations, and is also greatly interested in literary and social movements.

MRS. EDGAR S. BUTTERWORTH. One of the most interesting farms and homes of Adams County is in section 31 of Ellington Township, known as the Sunny Ridge Farm. It has an antiquarian interest as well as an interest due to its care and productiveness at the hands of civilized men. It was evidently a rendezvous for aboriginal tribes, and many Indian relics have been dug up from the soil of the ridge. Mrs. Edgar S. Butterworth, who has lived on that farm since childhood, has in her beautiful home a large collection of Indian tools and implements dug up from the land. It was the old home of her father, the late Thomas Kidney, and is noted as one of the leading fruit farms.

The early history of the Butterworth family goes back to Quaker stock, some of whom came to Pennsylvania at the time of William Penn. The grandparents of the late Edgar S. Butterworth were Henry and Charlotte (Fowler) Butterworth, who came from Birmingham, England, soon after the Revolutionary war and lived at Newburgh, New York. They had a family of five sons and one daughter. One son, Samuel, was at one time head of a Government mint, and another son, John F., was commissioner of Central Park in New York City for many years.

Sylvanus Butterworth, father of Edgar S., was born in Orange County, New York, and in 1840 came west and settled in Shelby County, Missouri, where he acquired 600 acres of raw land and improved it into a large farm. One of the most interesting facts connected with his history as a Missouri farmer is that he brought in 1843 at great expense and after much difficulty of transportation, three head of imported Shorthorn or Durham cattle, which

were the first thoroughbreds of that strain west of the Mississippi River. Sylvanus Butterworth was also a merchant in Missouri, and died there in advanced years. He married in Missouri Miss Virginia Vandiver, a native of Virginia and of southern family. Her parents had moved to Missouri in 1834. Her father, John Vandiver, invented the first practical corn planter but never reaped great rewards from his invention, since he was unable to place a proper value upon his work and patent, and allowed others to reap where he had sown. Sylvanus Butterworth and wife had three children: Theodore who came to Quincy in 1866 and two years later established the Western Agriculturist and Livestock Journal, and in 1892 moved that paper to Chicago and published it as the Livestock Journal, one of the largest trade papers of its kind in the United States. He finally went west and died in California. Glorianna, the second child of Sylvanus Butterworth, married John Settle, and they live in North Dakota.

Edgar S. Butterworth was born in Shelby County, Missouri, October 29, 1848, and received his education there. In 1866 he came to Quincy with his brother Theodore, and in 1870 he married Miss M. C. Alexander, of Quincy. They then returned to Shelby County, where he followed farming, and from there moved to Webb City in Southwestern Missouri, where his wife died in the prime of life. Of their two children one died in infancy and the daughter Mabel at the age of twenty-five.

After this misfortune Mr. Butterworth returned to Quincy and was advertising manager of the Western Agriculturist and Livestock Journal, published by his brother, and did much to build up the prestige and commercial prosperity of that paper. Following this for four years was in the drug business as a member of the firm W. H. Alexander & Company at Fourth and Maine streets.

In 1891 Mr. Butterworth married at the home of his bride in Ellington Township Miss Sophia M. Kidney. After his marriage Mr. Butterworth devoted his time to the farm which Mrs. Butterworth had inherited from her father, located a half mile from the city limits of Quincy. Thirty-seven acres comprise a large orchard of apples and peaches, and he found both pleasure and profit in operating this valuable old property.

Mrs. Butterworth was born two miles north of her present home March 26, 1854, and attended the local schools and the old Female Seminary in Quincy. She is a daughter of Thomas and Sophia Louise (Berrian) Kidney. Thomas Kidney, her father, was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in 1822, and was a son of John and Matilda Kidney. His parents came west to Quincy in the fall of 1837, when he was fifteen years old. Later John Kidney went back to New York State and died there about 1879, at the age of eighty-six. Thomas Kidney engaged in farming in Adams County and was especially successful as a pioneer fruit grower. In 1846 he married Miss Berrian, who was born in New York City in 1824, and came to Adams County when about nine years of age with her parents, William and Sophia (Ricker) Berrian, a prominent family whose annals are recounted on other pages of this publication. Thomas Kidney built his beautiful home on the farm near Quincy in 1873. It comprises fourteen rooms, and is one of the most commodious country establishments in the county. Thomas Kidney passed away March 8, 1889, and left no will. He always said the law was the best will he could make. After his death Mrs. Sophia Kidney divided the farm of seventy acres between her two children, William A. and Sophia M., giving her daughter the old home place. She remained with her daughter twelve years, passing away February 23, 1903, after a residence of almost half a century in Adams County.

Edgar S. Butterworth died on his home farm in Ellington Township December 5, 1905. Since his death Mrs. Butterworth has kept her home there, and the farm is carefully conducted by her son Edgar T., a young man of great enterprise who inherits many of the estimable qualities of both his father and his maternal grandfather. He was born August 11, 1896, and was educated in both the rural and city schools. Mrs. Butterworth and son are members of



the Congregational Church. While a very busy young man, Edgar T. Butterworth finds much time to cultivate outside interests, and is a student and practical taxidermist.

ALFRED G. KOCH. Fortunate is the man who finds early in life a useful work to do and does it conscientiously and thoroughly. The community is also fortunate that has such a man. Alfred G. Koch when only a schoolboy showed unusual proficiency as a mechanic, and for a number of years was an all around carriagesmith, and he could doubtless take his place in the ranks today and earn a good living by his trade. However, for a number of years his interests have been concentrated on a small farm and store at the corner of Thirtieth and Broadway, in section 31 of Ellington Township. Mr. Koch owns eleven acres, all thoroughly improved and intensively cultivated, with small fruits, including peaches and cherries. He has a nine-room brick house, good barn and other facilities. Mr. Koch has lived in that place four years and has done much to improve the house and grounds, setting out the fruit trees and revamping the barn. He raises some fine grades of the red hogs.

At Thirtieth and Broadway he has been proprietor of a grocery for eighteen years. Mr. Koch was born in Melrose Township November 7, 1870, and attended school in Ellington and Melrose townships and also in Quincy. When not in school he was handling the tools in his father's blacksmith and carriage shop, and made expert use of them long before an average boy thinks of a real vocation. One of the first pieces of practical work he ever did was shoeing his school teacher's horse. He became an expert horse shoer, and also learned in all details the trade of carriagesmith. When he was fourteen years of age he built a complete wagon, from tongue to endgate, and traded it to George Chase for a four year old horse. From that time on he was a full fledged mechanic, and earned a good living at his trade until he took over his present business.

Mr. Koch is a son of Henry C. and Johanna (Hemptick) Koch. His parents were born in Lorraine when it was French soil, as it is today. His father was born in 1832 and his mother in 1836. They came to America before marriage. The father settled in Adams County prior to the Civil war, and during that war bought forty acres of land in Burton Township. He married and began life on his farm, but after a few years sold out and moved to Melrose Township, buying five acres on Thirty-Fifth Street near the city limits in Melrose Township. There he established a blacksmith and carriage shop on his land. He had learned the trade at Quincy in the old Rogers carriage and wagon factory. He lived on his place at Thirty-Fifth Street until a few years before his death. He and his wife spent their last days in the home of a daughter, Mrs. George Upschultz of Melrose Township. Henry C. Koch died there in 1907 and his wife in 1910. They were long members of St. John's Lutheran Church on Kentucky Street. He was an ardent republican and held several minor offices in Melrose Township. Of the children, Charles for twenty-five years has been an employee of the Collins Plow Company. He is a widower. Robert is married and has children. George Ameil is a carriagesmith at Quincy and has four daughters, Laura, Augusta, Hilda Emily and Alice, and one son, Roy.

At the home of the bride 916 Spring Street in Quincy Mr. Koch married Elizabeth Reuter. She is a daughter of William and Catherine (Vandenboom) Reuter, both natives of Germany. They are still living at the old home on Spring Street. Mrs. Koch was reared and educated in Quincy. Her sister Theresa is the wife of Henry Gerding of Quincy and has a son, Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Koch's children are: Virginia, born in 1899, educated in the public schools and a proficient stenographer; Dorothy, who was born in 1902 and has finished the public school course; Alvera H., attending school; Elizabeth, born in 1906; and Jeanette, born in 1910. Mr. Koch is a republican. He is a man of liberal public spirit and sympathies, and since the war began has been active in behalf of all patriotic movements and the various campaigns for raising funds.



**ADAM KEIL.** In the field of practical achievement, in the clearing up and development of land, the making of two blades of grass grow where only one grew before, one of the men whose work deserves special mention is Adam Keil of Fall Creek Township. Mr. Keil resides twelve miles southeast of Quincy.

He is a member of one of the best known families of Adams County. It is unnecessary here to enter at length upon the family history, which has been told on other pages. Adam Keil was born on the old home near his present place December 23, 1869. He grew up on that farm and worked with his brothers at farming and threshing and contracting until he married.

At the age of twenty-seven Mr. Keil married Anna Margaret Rothgeb. She was reared in Quincy and had lived for several years before her marriage in the old Squire Seehorn family.

After his marriage Mr. Keil located on his present farm. As his share of his father's estate he received \$6,000, and he used that capital to buy 142 acres. Later he acquired 85 acres of bottom land  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles away. Still later he bought another 260 acres and now has, all told, 387 acres. Few men could have used this land and made so much out of it as Mr. Keil. The 160 acre tract was bottom land which no one else wanted. It was partly swamp, and had absolutely no economic value. Two creeks meandered through it, and the area was covered with water, swamp grass, brush and timber, all of which had to be cleared away. Mr. Keil used a great deal of practical engineering skill in draining the land. He built levees against the water courses, straightened, dredged and channelled out the streams so as to give a free outlet to the surface waters, and eventually not only had his own land in cultivation and practically free from excess moisture, but his enterprise affected favorably the value and productiveness of all the adjoining land, though his own initiative and labors were not recompensed except on his own land. This farm lies west of Fall Creek station and about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from his home place. Wheat is the big crop Mr. Keil grows on his bottom land. He had 200 acres in that cereal in 1918 and the average production was thirty-two bushels to the acre. He also raises rye and oats on a large scale. The money feature of his farm, however, is livestock feeding. He keeps about 30 head of cattle, about 175 hogs, and sends between 100 and 125 hogs to the market every year, and also feeds a bunch of cattle, ranging from a half carload to two carloads. He buys much feeding stock in St. Louis. He keeps a bunch of mules for work purposes. Mr. Keil has improved his land with a complete set of modern farm buildings, with every facility for lightening the burdens of management. He also operates a threshing machine outfit and has done a great deal of road work and other contracting. One season he and his forces graded about seven miles of highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Keil have four children: Carl George, John Adam, Clara Marguerite Elizabeth, and William Fred Alfred, all of whom are at home.

**JOHN HOFMEISTER** has been a farm owner and farm cultivator all his active life and has well earned the retirement he now enjoys. His home is in section 36 of Liberty Township, five miles southeast of Liberty Village.

He was born March 24, 1853, on the old home farm in Beverly Township where his youngest brother, David, now lives. His parents were William and Elizabeth (Diehl) Hofmeister. His father was born at Mansheim, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, November 25, 1819. He came to the United States in 1846. His brother was living at Charlestown, Indiana, where he had a cooper shop. William Hofmeister learned that trade with his brother in Indiana, and in 1849 came with another brother to Adams County and located in Beverly Township. On May 10, 1849, he married at Quincy Elizabeth Diehl, of Beverly Township. They were married by Rev. Philip Barth of Quincy. She was born in Pennsylvania and was sixteen years of age at the time of her marriage. She had come from Pennsylvania to Adams County a year or two before her marriage. Elizabeth Diehl had a sister and three brothers: John Diehl, who died at advanced

age; Henry, who died in Missouri; Balzer, who went West and died there; and Anna, who married William Kuntz and lived in McKee Township.

Soon after his marriage William Hofmeister bought the farm of his wife's father, and lived in that one location for sixty-six years. He died March 16, 1916, at the remarkable age of ninety-six years, three months and twenty-two days. For many years he kept a cooperage shop on his farm, converting the timber on his land into barrels for the pork packers at Quincy and for other uses. He had put about two-thirds of his land into cultivation, and continued his farm management until he was seventy years of age. His wife died February 5, 1888. William Hofmeister was well educated, possessed a remarkable memory, and was one of the prominent men of his community for many years. He acquired citizenship soon after coming to America and was always completely satisfied with this country and its ideals. He owned 240 acres of land. He was converted while living in Indiana in 1848, and for many years was an active member of the Bethel German Methodist Church in McKee Township. He was a member of that church when they worshiped in a log house. At the time of his death he was its oldest member. For two years he was confined to his room, but he always enjoyed company and was a great social favorite. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at Kingston, a mile and a half from his old home. The present house on the farm was built by him in 1869 and he also put up barns and other buildings.

In his family were four sons and one daughter. The only daughter, Mina, was her father's housekeeper for many years and died August 22, 1906. The son, William, spent his life on the old farm as a bachelor and died September 16, 1913. The next in the family is John Hofmeister. Davis is still at the old home in Beverly Township. Charles was a dealer in musical instruments at Barry, Illinois, and died at Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

William Hofmeister was not the only member of his generation to reach advanced age. His sister is still living at New Albany, Indiana, at the age of ninety-three. William was one of six children, and all but one passed the age of ninety. All but one of them came to the United States. One brother, Conrad, settled in McKee Township of Adams County. He came to America on money supplied him by his brother William. He died when past ninety years of age, and his three sons and one daughter are still living in the county. Lizzie, another sister of William, married Jacob Getz and also settled in McKee Township, where she died.

John Hofmeister lived at home to the age of twenty-four, and during his youth he assisted in clearing up the old farm. He then bought eighty acres in McKee Township and spent some years on that, clearing up the land and getting it into condition for profitable farming. He then bought his present place of 160 acres in Liberty Township, thus constituting him the owner of 240 acres. He had spent about twenty-three years on this farm and built the house and a substantial basement barn in 1895. Much of the land was originally covered with heavy timber and he put a sawmill into operation and sold large quantities of bridge timber. He does general farming and stock raising, breeding Polled Angus cattle and regularly turn off about 100 hogs for the market every year. Mr. Hofmeister is a republican.

April 15, 1885, he married Emma Knapheide, of Quincy, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Achelpohl) Knapheide. Concerning the Knapheide family of Quincy a more complete sketch is given on other pages. Mrs. Hofmeister was born in Quincy November 18, 1858, and was educated in the public schools.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hofmeister are noted as follows: Lydia Edna, wife of Rev. F. W. Carwell, a retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church now living at Parsons, Kansas; Linda Catherine married H. E. Carwell, a farmer at Troy, Missouri, and a brother of Rev. Mr. Carwell; Milton Henry has a farm a mile and a half west of the old home and married Grace L. Zoller, who is organist of the Bethel Church; Alma Elizabeth is still at home; Ralph Oliver is now in active charge of the home farm and also oper-



ates the 160-acre farm adjoining, owned by the widow of James Craigs. Ralph O. Hofmeister is one of the pushing and energetic young men of the county.

**GEORGE ARROWSMITH.** One of the oldest and most prominent families in Adams County have been the Arrowsmiths, who acquired their first holdings of land near Quincy eighty-five years ago, and have been residents of the county practically 101 years. The Arrowsmiths are English, William H. Arrowsmith was born in Newbury, England, and came to America prior to the Revolutionary war. He was a royalist and moved to Nova Scotia.

One of his children was Edward Arrowsmith, born in Nova Scotia, and as he grew up learned the trade of sail maker. He followed that as a business and also owned several vessels and was extensively identified with the shipping trade. He died during a cholera epidemic in New York City July 20, 1832, when a comparatively young man, little past forty years of age. He married Mary (Smith) Glentworth, a native of New York State. A short time before his death Edward Arrowsmith had bought from a revolutionary soldier a tract of land comprising 320 acres adjacent to Quincy, Illinois. All this land was then covered with hazelbrush and was in a state of complete unproductiveness. His land was located in section 31 of Ellington Township.

Mrs. Edward Arrowsmith was left a widow with nine children. About 1843 she came with these children to take possession of the land in Adams County, Illinois. The family lived in Quincy until they could put a small house on the farm, and then they took possession and the sons John and George largely improved the land from a wilderness condition and made it a fine farm. Mrs. Edward Arrowsmith died there July 25, 1872, at the age of eighty-six. She and her children were all Episcopalians. Mrs. Edward Arrowsmith had the following children: John, George, Edward, Jr., Thomas, William, Mary, Charlotte, Edwina and Elizabeth, all of whom married except Charlotte, and all those married had children. They are all now deceased and about half of them died in Adams County.

George Arrowsmith was born in New York, March 20, 1818, and he received his early education in the schools of New York City. In 1847 he married at Quincy Miss Ann Eliza Berrian, an own cousin of Judge Berrian. She was born in New York City May 19, 1821, daughter of William A. and Sophia (Riker) Berrian. Her uncle, Washington Berrian, and her great-uncle, Richard Berrian, made a prospecting tour over Illinois in 1819 and visited the site of Quincy. Her father, William A. Berrian, was a prominent merchant of New York. In 1833 he brought his family by canal and the river route to Quincy, arriving November 7. The following year he bought a farm seven miles east of Quincy, and lived there until his death, being one of the prosperous and well known citizens. Mrs. Arrowsmith was about twelve years of age when she came West. Other children who accompanied their parents were George, Louisa, Susan and Mary. Two other children were born in Adams County, Theodore and Josephine. The only surviving member of these children is Mary, who is now eighty-nine years of age. William A. Berrian died June 25, 1868, in his seventy-eighth year, and his wife, who was born in 1801, died December 28, 1877.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. George Arrowsmith built a good house on what was then a back road. Later, as Broadway was laid out, they moved the house to its present location, enlarged it, and lived there in much comfort and enjoyed all the benefits of their thrift and progressiveness as substantial farmers and land owners. George Arrowsmith is remembered as a man who was reliable in business, faithful in friendship and one who enjoyed the respect and good will of all with whom he was associated. He died at his farm home January 31, 1886, at the age of sixty-eight. His widow survived him many years, keeping her home with her sons and daughters, and passed away in honored old age March 13, 1910. George Arrowsmith was a republican, his sons having followed him in that political belief, but his only public duties



were as school director and in that influence which proceeds from every public spirited citizen to the welfare of the community.

He and his wife had the following children: Georgianna, Mary, Charlotte, Louisa, James and George. The old homestead is now occupied by the three daughters, Georgianna, Mary and Louisa. Their sister Charlotte died some years ago. The daughters were liberally educated in the local schools and are highly intelligent women. Louisa was for some years a teacher in the local schools. There was another daughter, Sophia, twin sister of Mary, who died at the age of three years and two months. The son, James R., was born on the old farm and now lives there and has its business management. He married Helen McAfee, and his children are James, Ricker, Marian and Helen, all of whom are married and have children of their own, and he also has an unmarried son, Paul, who was a soldier in the One Hundred and Twenty-third Machine Gun Battalion and saw active service in France. The other son, George, Jr., is a skilled pattern maker. He finished his trade in St. Louis and for several years was teacher in a manual training school in that city, and is now engaged in a similar position at Kansas City, Missouri. He married in St. Louis Rosetta Ochartrand and their children are George, Dwight, Mildred and Wendell. George and Wendell were both soldiers in the war. Both first lieutenants of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Field Artillery. The Arrowsmith sisters except Mary are members of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, and Mary is a Baptist.

JOHN JOSEPH ORMOND. An attractive group of buildings, many broad acres under perfect cultivation, evidences of care and good management on every hand, constitute the outstanding features of the fine farm home of John Joseph Ormond in Liberty Township, on the line between Liberty and Burton townships and sixteen miles east of Quincy.

Mr. Ormond was born at Plainville in Adams County, August 1, 1855. His parents, Patrick and Bridget (Dalton) Ormond, came to Adams County in 1851. Patrick was born in Waterford County, Ireland, in 1819, and came to Adams County immediately on his arrival in this country. He had married Bridget Dalton in 1847. She was born in 1814. Patrick Ormond worked in Quincy at day labor until he was able to buy his first land. This purchase was northeast of Plainville in Payson Township. About 1870 he moved to Richfield Township, locating a mile and a half from his former place. He owned 220 acres there in section 7. His wife died there at the age of seventy years. Patrick spent the last thirteen years of his life with his son John J. and died at the age of eighty years. He and his wife were devout members of the Catholic Church at Liberty. There were two children, Bridget and John J. The daughter married Thomas Pendergast and went to California, where she died.

John Joseph Ormond, now the only survivor of the family, grew up at home and remained with his father assisting in the management of the farm. In 1902 he bought his present place, the old John Wolfe farm originally settled by David Wolfe. Mr. Ormond secured 197 acres of the John Wolfe place and ninety acres of the Jacob Wolfe farm. He paid fifty dollars an acre for the first land and \$125 an acre for the second tract. The second farm he bought for his son. John Wolfe put up the substantial brick house and Mr. Ormond has erected barns and other outbuildings and has extensively remodeled and given efficiency to the arrangement of all the farm equipment. He also owns another farm of 150 acres in Burton Township.

November 14, 1893, he married Anna Kaltenbach, member of a well known family of Adams County more particularly referred to on other pages. Mrs. Ormond was reared in Burton Township and was twenty-five years of age at the time of her marriage. They had seven children. One died in infancy, and the daughter Irene died in 1912, at the age of thirteen. Those living are: Joseph, who operates his father's ninety acre farm, married Irene Smith, daughter of Frank Smith; Alice is the wife of Carl Smith, a farmer in Colum-

bus Township, near Camp Point; William, Cornelia and Jerome are all at home. Mr. Ormond is a democrat and he and his family attend St. Bridget Catholic Church at Liberty.

MARION CARTER is a native of Adams County, member of one of the old families here, and for many years has been successfully identified with agriculture in Liberty Township. His farm home is four miles east of Liberty Village.

He was born in McKee Township May 6, 1850, son of Travis and Patsy (Fuqua) Carter. His father, a native of Kentucky, came to Adams County in the early days and settled in McKee Township, where he devoted his active life to developing a farm. He died there at the age of fifty. Patsy Carter died when Marion was a small child. Travis Carter afterward married Lucy Fuqua, sister of his first wife. After his death she became the wife of George Cutforth, one of the well known old residents of McKee Township, where both of them died in advanced years. The children of Travis and Patsy Carter were: Mary, who married Charles Cutforth, a son of George, above mentioned, and both are now deceased; Martha, who married Wash Sparks, both deceased; Kittie, who married Jacob Hearlson, both deceased; Robert, who went to Iowa when young and died in that state; Fanny, who married Charles Fessenden, of Adams County, and both are now deceased; and Marion, the youngest and only survivor. George and Lucy Cutforth had two daughters, Janie, wife of George Hess, of McKee Township, and Eva, wife of Charles Robb, of Colorado.

Marion Carter was about eighteen years old when his father died. He carried on the farm for several years and on August 24, 1871, he married Miss Emma Gordon. Her parents were John and Elizabeth (Howe) Gordon, and their home was the farm where Marion Carter now lives. Mrs. Carter was born there and was about nineteen years of age at the time of her marriage. Her parents both came from Kentucky and they developed the present Carter farm. After his marriage Marion Carter spent one year on the home place in McKee Township, and then bought a farm near the Gordon home. A few years later, after the death of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, he bought their property, comprising forty acres in the home place and a second forty acres a mile distant in McKee Township. Mr. Carter has lived there ever since and has made his proprietorship count for many improvements in the farm. Mrs. Carter died May 20, 1891, at the age of thirty-eight. She was the mother of nine children, eight of whom reached mature years: Fred, a farmer in South Dakota; Alonzo and Roy, both farmers in South Dakota; Herschel, who died in Cass County, Iowa, at the age of forty years; Adam, of Cumberland, Iowa; Harry, of Liberty Township; and Ethel and Erva, twins, the former Mrs. Charles Fischer, of Selma, Montana.

On March 24, 1894, Mr. Carter married Ellen, better known as Nell, Barnard, daughter of Francis Marion and Susan (Pearce) Barnard. Some records of the Barnard family are published on other pages of this publication. F. M. Barnard died November 14, 1916, and his wife on July 19, 1913. Mrs. Carter is one of six living children: Sarah, Mrs. John Robb, of Decatur, Arkansas; Guilford, whose postoffice is Waldron, Kansas, but whose home is in Oklahoma; Elizabeth, wife of Isaac Miller, of Macomb, Illinois; Jane, Mrs. Henry Hughes, of Annabell, Missouri; Mrs. Carter; and Minnie, wife of Julius Kline, of Liberty Township.

At the age of twenty years Mrs. Carter began teaching in Liberty Township, and followed that profession for twelve years before her marriage, and also taught two years after her marriage. She was well educated in the local schools, had a short course in Chaddock College, and while teaching attended institutes every year. She has always kept an active interest in educational matters and especially in Sunday School work. She was a Sunday School superintendent for several years and is still a teacher. She has also been a worker in the Red Cross and other war movements. Mr. and Mrs. Carter have one daughter, Ivan, who



was at home with her parents during the absence of her husband, Lawrence Graff, a soldier with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, but now at home.

Mr. Carter has rebuilt and remodeled his present home, and constructed a number of the outside buildings. He is a republican and a member of the Pleasant View Baptist Church.

SIMON DEDERT in his management of his farm in section 3 of Ellington Township exemplifies all the thrift and good judgment for which the Dedert family have long been noted in Adams County.

Mr. Dedert owns 164 acres. His home place contains eighty acres and is improved with a complete set of farm buildings, including a barn 38 by 40 feet and a seven-room house. As is usually the case in this section he grows the finest of stock and all his grain and other produce are fed on the farm, his revenues coming through the route of livestock. He has steadily conserved and built up his soil fertility. For over twenty years he has owned this eighty acre farm, a part of the old Dedert homestead, and about a dozen years ago he also bought eighty-four acres adjoining, thus giving him a well proportioned farm.

Mr. Dedert was born in Ellington Township December 17, 1872, and as a boy attended the rural schools and also the Lutheran Parochial schools. When he was twenty-six years of age he began on his own account and bought the eighty acres from his father's homestead. Later he operated the entire estate for his mother. Simon Dedert is one of the sons of William and Louisa (Schlippmann) Dedert, people who were hard working and thrifty farmers in Adams County and whose names deserve lasting memory and respect for the fine family which they produced. A more complete record of the experiences of these parents will be found on other pages.

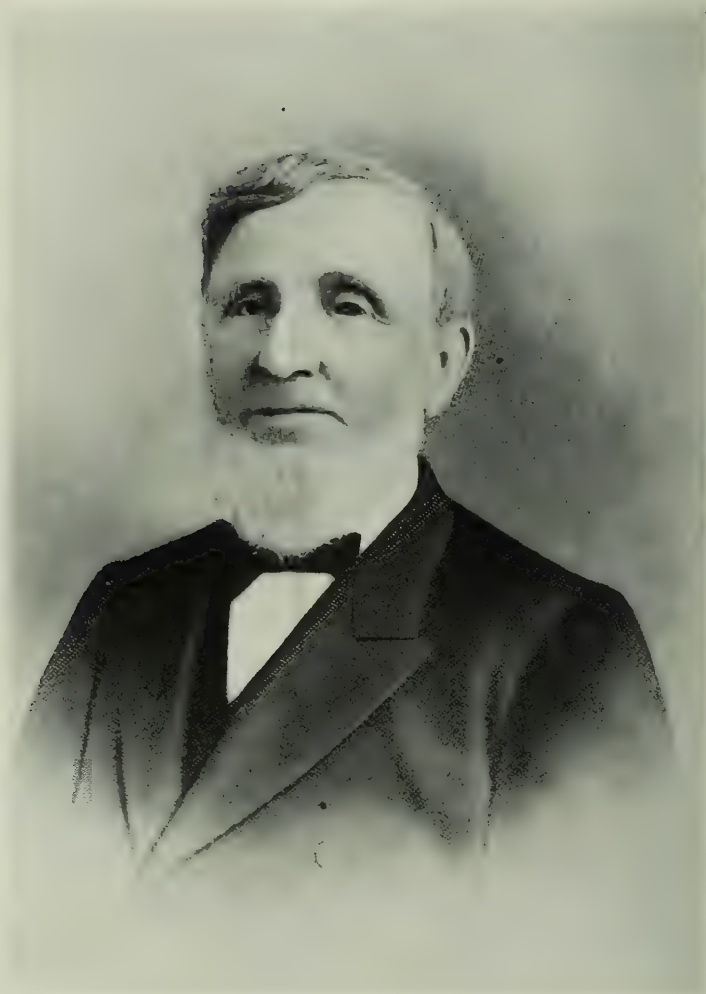
Simon Dedert married in Melrose Township Frederica Burgdorff. She was born in Melrose Township and is five years younger than her husband. Her parents were Charles and Frederica (Freeze) Burgdorff. Both parents were born in Germany. They married in Melrose Township and for many years were truck gardeners there. Mrs. Dedert's mother died at the age of three score and her father died at the home of a daughter in Riverside Township when eighty years of age. Both were members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Dedert take the greatest of pride in their four young children. The oldest is Paul C., born in 1906, now in the sixth grade of the public schools; Lloyd is seven years old and is also in school; the two younger children are Earl and Wesley. The family attend worship in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Fowler. Mr. Dedert is a republican voter.

JOEL KINGSBURY SCARBOROUGH. Adams County has had many able men of great nobility of character, but few whose careers deserve more consideration and more of the enduring memory than the late Joel Kingsbury Scarborough.

Fully four-fifths of his long life was spent in the southern part of the county, largely at Payson. In that locality the name Scarborough has been significant and prominent for more than eight years. Chronologically the first of his family to be considered was his uncle, Deacon Albigenice Scarborough, who came from West Hartford, Connecticut, and in the fall of 1834 bought land in Payson Township which had been entered at the government land office the previous year. In the spring of 1835 Deacon Scarborough laid out the Village of Payson, which he named in honor of a much admired minister in New England. In 1836 Deacon Scarborough and associates undertook the construction of a windmill at Payson, and when it was completed several years later became an important part of the county industries. Deacon Scarborough was very liberal in upbuilding the town, donating lots for various public purposes, including the site of the first school. He was one of the organizers of the Congregational Church, and also set out the first apple orchard in that typically fruit growing section, and also planted the first peach seeds.







*J. K. Scarborough*



*P. E. Thompson*





It was the presence of this uncle that brought Joel Kingsbury Scarborough to Adams County. The latter was born at Brooklyn, Windham County, Connecticut, November 12, 1824. His life was as prolonged as it was useful and honorable, and when he died at his home in Payson, May 3, 1915, he had attained the age of ninety years, five months, twenty-one days. He was a son of Joel and Lucretia (Smith) Scarborough. He was born three months after the death of his father, and his mother died when he was twelve years of age. His brother William S. subsequently graduated from Yale Law School and became a Cincinnati lawyer. His sister Esther Delia married Professor Mason Grosvenor, one of the founders of Illinois College. The sister Mary Ann became the wife of Rev. Cephas A. Leach, who for a number of years was pastor of the Payson Congregational Church.

Joel K. Scarborough early manifested a scholarly mind. He read Rollin's Ancient History at the age of eight, and at the age of ten was studying Latin, Algebra and Geometry. By the time he reached the age of fourteen he had what was then considered a good academic education.

In the fall of 1838 he arrived in Adams County in company with his oldest sister Mary A. The journey westward was made by the crude facilities of that time, by railroad, steamboat and canal boat, stage coach, as far as Pittsburg, and thence on account of the low water they traveled to Cincinnati by stage, thence taking passage on a steamboat and eventually arriving at Quincy.

He found his uncle then living in a log cabin at Payson, and for the next two years was in his uncle's employ. At the age of seventeen he went to Hudson, Ohio, then the seat of Western Reserve College, now Western Reserve University of Cleveland. He lived at Hudson two years, part of the time studying in the college, and also improving his mind by home study. Returning to Adams County he resumed employment with his uncle until he was twenty-one years of age, and all that time he devoted his leisure to study.

He was only fifteen years of age when he bought part of the land comprised in his later farm, a tract of raw prairie without a single improvement. After leaving his uncle he undertook development and cultivation of the farm, boarding for several years with Mr. Edward Seymour. He was exceedingly vigorous and methodical in all his work, and his farm in course of time came to be recognized as a standard and model of improvements and thorough cultivation. He planted many trees about his home, developed a large orchard, and invested his financial surplus in other land until his holdings took on large scope. He had more faith than many of the early settlers in the ultimate value of the bottom lands along the Mississippi. In the early days he went on horseback to Pittsfield to attend a sale of swamp land. When the commissioner of the land office began the sale Mr. Scarborough was the only one present, and after his bid of 10 cents an acre had been repeated several times by the commissioner the transaction was concluded, whereby Mr. Scarborough received an entire quarter section at 10 cents an acre. He also acquired another quarter section at 15 cents an acre. Later he acquired other lands along the Mississippi Valley and on Sni Island. He was one of the most prominent in bringing about the organization of Sni Drainage District, resulting in the building of the Sni Levee. Mr. Scarborough was one of the committee of three which employed the services of the Ex-President of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, to defend a suit before the United States Supreme Court to determine the validity of the first bonds issued by this drainage district, which by a previous decree had been declared unconstitutional. Through the reclamation afforded by the building of the levee and other improvements in the district much of the land which Mr. Scarborough had bought for practically nothing became in his possession worth fully \$100 an acre. His home farm comprised 170 acres, and he owns several other farms in that vicinity. He was never a fancier of prize stock, but fed and fattened many carloads for the market. The Adams County Fair was first started on his land, which he leased for that purpose, but later it was removed to Camp Point.

In nothing was he more consistently active than in promoting and maintaining good educational facilities. He was an advocate of a high school in his township, but he had to work against heavy odds to secure such a school. As he and his friends showed unrelenting determination to secure such a school, the opposition resorted to a trick to defeat the move. They voted to build a schoolhouse, but the terms provided that the building should be erected on the Mississippi River bottoms, and this provision was of course so ridiculous as to defeat the proposition for the time being, but Mr. Scarborough kept up the campaign, and in 1867 had the satisfaction of seeing a fine school building erected in Payson and one which stood and served its purpose until 1915. He was for many years a director of the school. The first principal to manage the school in the new building was T. C. Poling, now one of the most prominent business men of Quincy. Another early principal of the school was S. F. Hall.

The late Mr. Scarborough was a man of deep religious convictions. While attending Western Reserve College he united with the Congregational Church at Hudson at the age of seventeen. He united with the church at Payton November 26, 1843, and on the 25th of May following he was elected church clerk, being then nineteen years of age. He was re-elected to that office at every annual meeting until at the time of his death he had served nearly seventy-one years. He tried to resign in 1913, but the church refused to accept his resignation, and elected an assistant to perform the duties. July 1, 1865, he was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the church and held that office until his death. On January 1, 1868, he was elected superintendent of the Sunday school, and with the exception of fifteen months held that office until January 1, 1912, giving forty-two years and nine months to the service. He was a delegate from the Quincy Association of Congregational Churches to the National Council, was a corporate member of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, for four years was chairman of the County Sunday School Convention, and attended many state Sunday school conventions and was active in other church organizations and causes.

It was especially fitting that his funeral services should have been conducted in the church which he had served so long and faithfully and which he loved so well. The pastor officiating was assisted by Rev. David E. Rodd, a former pastor for ten years, and who had officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Scarborough. It is appropriate to quote a brief tribute written by his pastor: "Consecrated to the cause of Christ, he labored earnestly, giving both of time and money to the advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth. His personal devotion was reflected in his daily life, especially during the last few years of enfeebled age the Bible has been his constant companion, the source of his comfort and strength. His eyes grown dim with age, a Bible of large print was constantly by his side or in his hands.

"The memory of this Father in Israel reading his well worn Bible, finding solace and strength in its sublime truths has been an inspiration to his pastor—such a life can not fail to leave its impress upon the community. The promise of the Father is fulfilled in him: 'Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season.'"

In November, 1849, Mr. Scarborough married Miss Julia Seymour, a native of West Hartford, Connecticut. She died in January, 1856, and her only child died a few months later. Mr. Scarborough married for his second wife Harriet Spencer, daughter of Moses and Julia (Flagg) Spencer, of West Hartford, Connecticut. She was born January 1, 1820, and died in 1903. Her daughter Julia died at the age of seven years, and the only surviving member of the family is Henry Flagg Scarborough.

**HENRY FLAGG SCARBOROUGH.** Through the career of Henry Flagg Scarborough many of the admirable qualities of his late father have been perpetuated as distinctive influences in the life and affairs of Payson village and township.



He was born November 7, 1859, in the house which his father built fully seventy years ago and in which he still resides. The house has, of course, had many changes. It was added to its original form and in 1872 was remodeled and again in 1896. Mr. Scarborough has also built a new house on the farm for his farm superintendent.

He was educated in the public schools of Payson and at Knox College, Galesburg. He became a partner with his father in the ownership and management of their extensive land and farm interests, and he prefers to be classified as a general farmer, though for a number of years the most profitable feature of his agricultural enterprise has been apple growing. The horticultural interests of Mr. Scarborough are in a sense a continuation of the pioneer enterprise of his uncle Deacon Scarborough above referred to. On the various farms under his ownership he has extended his apple orchards until they contain more than 120 acres, and his production many years has ranged from 5,000 to 8,000 barrels. During the packing season more than forty persons are employed in the orchards and packing houses.

Mr. Scarborough succeeded his father as clerk of the Congregational Church at Payson. The last entry made by his father in the office was under date November 26, 1911. Mr. Scarborough is also active in affairs and is now in his eighteenth year of consecutive service as supervisor of Payson Township. It is an indication of his great personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens that he was elected to this office on the republican ticket in a strongly democratic community. He was first elected in April, 1901. He has represented the County Board at various state conventions as supervisor. Mr. Scarborough has never been satisfied with a mere routine of his duties in this public office. Some years ago he listened to an address by Judge Tuthill of Chicago on the care and duty of the state toward children. His interest was so aroused that he became an ardent advocate of such care and supervision of dependent and delinquent children, and working hand in hand with women's organizations gained the consent of the board to establish a detention home on Sixth Street in Quincy. This home after a brief trial proved so valuable that the Board enlarged its scope, joining its functions with those of the overseer of the poor, and eventually bought the old Henry J. Ricker Home to be used especially for the care of dependent children in the county.

In 1885 Mr. Scarborough married Miss Mary Estella Wolfe, daughter of Rev. George B. Wolfe, at that time a minister at Payson. She died in 1900, leaving a son, Joseph Kingsbury, who is now a student in the Western Military Academy at Alton. In 1903 Mr. Scarborough married Mrs. Jennie (Thompson) Robbins, daughter of Philo E. Thompson.

GEORGE FRED EISENBERG is a prosperous farmer of Ellington Township, a man of genial traits, large and physically well proportioned, weighing 200 pounds, and has proved himself equal to the emergencies of life as they came up.

Mr. Eisenberg was born in Melrose Township May 21, 1884, a son of Fred and Louisa (Mueler) Eisenberg. The parents were both born in Germany and were brought to the United States when young people. They were married in Quincy and started out as tenant farmers in Melrose Township. In 1895 Fred Eisenberg moved to Ellington Township and bought 120 acres in section 18, where his son George F. now resides. He labored effectively here for many years, made many improvements, and in 1910 left the Ellington Township farm and moved to a comfortable home in Riverside Township, where he and his wife are now living retired, the father at the age of seventy-two and the mother at sixty-eight. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church on Seventh Street in Quincy. Fred Eisenberg was always interested in local affairs in Ellington Township while he lived there, and held several minor offices. He is a democrat.

George Fred Eisenberg is one of a family of seven sons and one daughter,

all of whom are married and all but one have children of their own. He received his early education in Melrose Township, and also in the schools of Ellington Township, and for the past eight years since his father retired he has been in active control of the 120-acre farm and has shown his ability at producing fine crops and keeping the farm up to the pink of perfection. The farm produces some wonderful crops of hay, also clover, and Mr. Eisenberg has some fine Shorthorn cattle and a number of good hogs. The old home in which he lives was built about seventy years ago by a Mr. Penrose, and is one of the substantial brick houses that stand as landmarks in the community.

In Quincy, October 26, 1910, Mr. Eisenberg married Miss Sarah Bumgardner. She was born in Quincy, June 23, 1885, and obtained her education in the schools of that city. She is a daughter of Otto and Fannie (Wollet) Bumgardner. Her father came from Pennsylvania and her mother was born in Quincy, and they lived for many years at Quincy. Otto Bumgardner died at Quincy at the age of sixty years. Mrs. Bumgardner is still living there at the age of sixty-three. Mr. and Mrs. Eisenberg have one daughter, Grace E., born December 23, 1913. The family are regular worshippers in St. John's Lutheran Church in Quincy. Mr. Eisenberg is a democrat and has served as road commissioner, township clerk and tax collector of Ellington Township.

**WILLIAM PILLATT.** While William Pillatt was never a resident of Adams County, the county knows and esteems Mrs. Pillatt, who is a woman of remarkable enterprise and would easily stand as one of the most successful farmers and dairy proprietors in the county. She owns a large farm in Missouri, where her husband lived, but her chief interests at present are a dairy farm a short distance east of Quincy. She manages that with consummate skill and ability, her principal assistant being her daughter.

The late William Pillatt was born in St. Louis in 1854. His father was born in Northern France, and after coming to America married at St. Louis Emeline Johnson, a native of Maryland who had grown up in St. Louis. The father died before the birth of his only son and child, William Pillatt. The mother married for her second husband James Willhoff, a native of England, and they then moved to Lewis County, Missouri, buying a farm where they reared their family and where they died when quite old. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of their eight children two daughters are now deceased.

The late William Pillatt was reared and educated near Maywood, Missouri, and had the life and experience of a farmer throughout his active career. In 1876, in Lewis County, he married Miss Anna Smith. Mrs. Pillatt was born in Lewis County, near Maywood, and was reared and educated there, being a daughter of James and Virginia (Alford) Smith, both natives of Virginia. Her people in earlier generations were slave holders. James Smith was a son of William and Anna (Brooks) Smith, the former of German parentage and the latter of Scotch ancestry. The Smith family was noted for its longevity. One daughter, Mrs. Mary Gaddis, lived to be more than 102 years of age and died in Indiana, and all her brothers and sisters attained great age.

Mr. and Mrs. Pillatt after their marriage took up farming in Lewis County, Missouri, and continued it there until the death of Mr. Pillatt in 1898. Mrs. Pillatt was left a farm of 120 acres, and she continued its operation practically for ten years, and in that time increased it to 200 acres. It is a well modeled and arranged stock and grain farm, with excellent buildings, and Mrs. Pillatt still owns it, its operations being carried on by tenants.

In 1906 she moved to Quincy and bought 19½ acres on Broadway in Ellington Township, in section 32, a mile east of the city limits. Here she continues farming on a concentrated scale, operating a dairy and having one of the finest registered Holstein bulls in the county, known as King Regis. She also has a large herd of Chester White hogs. Part of the land is devoted to alfalfa, and with this crop she has had unusual success. Mrs. Pillatt is a bundle of energy



and enterprise and manages every detail of her business with success. She has a silo 10 by 30 feet adjoining her barn.

Her daughter is Etta Frances, who was born in Lewis County and attended school there and also for three years was a student in Chaddock College in Quincy. Mrs. Pillatt and her daughter are members of the Vermont Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

**ALEXANDER REID.** It is nearly half a century since Alexander Reid came to Adams County. He has made good use of his time and opportunities, has been one of the very successful farmers of Liberty Township, an upright and conscientious citizen, and is well spoken among all his neighbors and friends. His home is now a well proportioned and improved farm a half mile east of the Village of Liberty.

Mr. Reid was born in County Derry, Ireland, in 1840. He lived in Ireland, secured his education, and learned a trade there, serving an apprenticeship of four years as a blacksmith. In 1864 he came to the United States and for three years worked at his trade at St. John's, New Brunswick. From there he went out to California, attracted by reports of good wages paid to men of his trade. He was in California about four years, and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years of that time he spent in the employ of a saw mill company. Two brothers had been living for several years in Adams County, and finally he came to visit them. One was John Reid of McKee Township, and the other James Reid of Liberty Township. John died in McKee Township and James in Liberty Township. A son of the latter is Stephen Reid, still a resident of Liberty. On coming to Adams County Alexander Reid bought land in the east part of Liberty Township, and that section has been his home ever since. He cleared up much of his land, erected new buildings, and increased it until he had a good farm of 120 acres. Eventually he turned this farm over to his oldest son, Leslie, who later traded it for land in Mississippi, and moved to that state. In March, 1902, Mr. Reid bought his present place of 121 acres, including a strip of land a quarter of a mile long which enables him to reach a main road. It has a fair house and he has built a barn and other buildings. He is now giving all his time to general farming, and has not worked at his trade for many years except for his own use. As a farmer Mr. Reid has done much in the way of soil improvement and has a place not only valuable but of which he may well be proud. Politically he is a republican but has never cared for public office. He and his wife were both reared as Presbyterians and they are members of the church at Liberty, in which he is an elder.

In June, 1871, he married Miss Fannie B. Leslie. Mrs. Reid was also born in Ireland and was brought to Adams County when a child. Her parents, Samuel and Margaret Leslie, located in Columbus Township, and spent their last days in Missouri, where they died. Mrs. Reid was twenty-three at the time of her marriage, and is the only member of the family still in Adams County. They had four children to reach maturity. Leslie, the oldest, has already been spoken of as a farmer and land owner in Mississippi. His first wife was Nellie Litz, and there are two children of that union living: Carl Elmer and Esther May. The latter was sixteen months old when her mother died and she grew up in the home of her grandparents and aunt. She is now a schoolgirl eleven years old. Leslie married for his second wife Stella Parriek, and their children are Frank, Albert, Virgil, Hazel and Fay. John Reid, the second son, is unmarried and operating the home farm. Samuel finished his education in the Gem City Business College and for the past sixteen years has lived in Montana. For a time he was bookkeeper in a bank at Billings in that state, but soon bought land sixteen miles from Billings, and is now giving practically all his time to his farm. He is also president of a bank at Rapelye, Montana. He is a thorough banker and farmer and has made a great success in that state. He is one of the leading wheat and alfalfa growers in Montana, and in 1918 had over 6,000 bushels of wheat and 200 acres of alfalfa. He married Daisy



Maynard, of McKee Township, Adams County, and they have two sons, Paul Maynard and Samuel Sharon. Margaret Agnes, the youngest child, is still at home with her parents.

HENRY SPANGLER is a member of a well known old family of Burton Township, referred to in more detail on other pages. Mr. Spangler is a successful and enterprising farmer, and has a large place fifteen miles east of Quincy on the Liberty Road.

He was born at this old homestead February 2, 1871, and has spent all his life on that one farm. His present commodious and well furnished residence is on a site somewhat removed from the house where he was born. His father built the present residence, or part of it, and the son has since remodeled and extended it.

Mr. Henry Spangler and his brother Jacob were joint owners and operators of this farm for two years. When the estate was settled Henry secured seventy acres as his share and bought the interest of a sister in eighty acres, thus giving him 150 acres. Still later he bought fifty acres from his brother Philip, and this gives him a well proportioned and adequate farm. He has also rebuilt and enlarged the cattle barn and keeps some fifteen or twenty head of registered Shorthorn cattle, this being one of his chief sources of revenue. He also markets about fifty Poland China hogs every year.

Mr. Spangler married in 1897 Rosa Gilhouse, daughter of August and Serepta Gilhouse, of Burton Township. Mrs. Spangler was twenty-two years old at the time of her marriage. They have two children, Everett and Otis, both attending school. The family are members of the Lutheran Church at Liberty. Mr. Spangler is a member and president of his local school board.

JOSEPH HOWARD LUMMIS. The important part taken by Mr. Lummis in the affairs of Adams County has been as a teacher, grain dealer and elevator man, real estate owner and farmer, and as a banker and good citizen. Mr. Lummis resides at Paloma and is vice president of the Paloma Exchange Bank.

His parents were Joseph and Sarah (Lawless) Lummis. The record of both of these well known old families is traced in some detail on other pages of this publication. Joseph Lummis was a native of Ohio, son of John and Anna Lummis. The family came to Adams County in 1844 and John Lummis died here in 1866. Joseph Lummis died at the age of seventy-five, but his widow is still living aged eighty-seven. Joseph Lummis was at one time county treasurer of Adams County, and his son Elmer is now postmaster at Quincy.

Joseph Howard Lummis was born January 19, 1866, during the temporary residence of his parents in Schuyler County, Illinois. He spent part of his boyhood in Northeast Township and came to manhood in Gilmer Township. His education was supplied by the country schools and he also attended Chad-dock College at Quincy, where he took the scientific course. With his college training he began teaching at the age of nineteen, and for ten years that was his occupation. Many of his pupils have since filled responsible positions in the world, and all of them recall with many expressions of gratitude and esteem their old instructor. He was one of the very successful teachers in the county at the time. On leaving that work Mr. Lummis took up the grain trade in 1898 at Paloma in company with J. E. Lohr. He had charge of the office and also owned an elevator at Augusta, though Paloma was the chief shipping point. At the same time he took up the handling of southwestern lands, and spent considerable time in Old Indian Territory before it was admitted as a state, and acquired some valuable interests in McIntosh County, Oklahoma, where he now owns about 400 acres. This is in the oil district of eastern Oklahoma, and is also being cultivated by tenants as a farm. Cotton is his chief crop, and he has to some extent benefited from the high prices prevailing in the cotton market in recent years. About two years ago Mr. Lummis gave up his active connection with the grain business, and much of his time is now taken

up with his duties as vice president of the Paloma Bank. As a public spirited citizen he has also served as township supervisor and tax collector of Honey Creek Township, and for fifteen years was a member of the election board. He is a democrat, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a supporter of all worthy movements in his community.

Mr. Lummis has one special interest which serves to make him known among a select circle of people outside of his home county. He is a bird lover and student, and for years has studied the bird life of Adams County, has kept close and accurate observations of the annual migrations, the favorite feeding grounds and other facts that serve to determine some of the laws of the bird kingdom. He is corresponding member and reporter for Adams County for the Government, and also for the National Audubon Society.

In 1896 Mr. Lummis married Miss Ella Carr, daughter of Daniel D. Carr of Coatsburg. Her father served in the Civil war with an Illinois regiment, but for the last twenty years has been a resident of his native state, West Virginia. Mrs. Lummis was born at Coatsburg and was seventeen years old at the time of her marriage. They have two sons: Everett and Joseph, the former a student in the high school at Coatsburg.

CHARLES MORGAN HENRY, of Paloma, is one of the very busy men of Adams County, a fact that is sufficiently explained when it is stated that he is a farmer. Farming as Mr. Henry performs it is a task requiring all that a man has of energy and intelligence, and his part in the patriotic program of the nation is one that allows few vacations or outside interests.

Mr. Henry was born in Liberty Township of this county May 1, 1857, son of Alexander and Julia A. (Morgan) Henry. Alexander Henry was born in County Derry, near Londonderry, Ireland, and came to the United States when eighteen years old. He was one of the youngest of a family of twelve children. All of them came to the United States, usually singly or in groups of two, and those first here helped the others to come. Alexander Henry and his sister Jane came together. Jane afterward married John Callahan. They first stopped in Ohio, but soon joined older members of the family in Adams County. Alexander Henry for several years worked as a farm hand. In 1849 he made that trip which called away so many enterprising and adventure seeking youths from the Middle West, going overland to California in company with his cousin, Joseph McMillan. They drove ox teams, and were several months on the road. When they came back it was by the Isthmus, and Alexander Henry walked across that narrow strip of land dividing two continents, and thence came across the gulf and up the Mississippi River. He was on a river boat during the high waters of 1851, when all business at St. Louis along Front Street was transacted from the second story of the buildings. While in California he had perhaps more than the average success as a miner and brought back enough to enable him to start on a farm of his own. This farm he bought in Richfield Township but soon afterward moved to another place in Liberty Township. He married in Richfield Township Julia A. Morgan, daughter of Charles Morgan of LaRue County, Kentucky, where she was born. She was fifteen when she came to Illinois and four years later she married Alexander Henry. For over twenty-five years these worthy people had their home on the farm in Liberty Township. He then moved to a farm in Gilmer Township, the old David Pearce place, but five or six years later retired and made his home in Quincy until his death in 1895, at the age of seventy-three. His widow survived him ten years and was seventy-two at the time of her death. Alexander Henry had sold his old farm before his death. He and his wife had a family of seven children: Rachel, who married Thomas Pearce and died two years ago; Charles M.; Mary J., Mrs. O. H. Lawless, of Paloma; John W., of Gilmer Township; Anna, Mrs. W. O. Washburn, of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth, unmarried; and Hattie, Mrs. Dr. W. B. Short, of Peoria.

Charles M. Henry lived with his parents on the old farm until he was



twenty-four years of age. The district schools gave him his early education and he was trained from youth to the pursuits of agriculture. At the age of twenty-four he married Miss Elizabeth Lawless, member of the well known family of that name in Adams County, and sister of Charles C. Lawless of Paloma. After their marriage they spent four years on the old farm in Liberty Township, and then bought a farm in the northwest corner of the township, and the cultivation and handling of this land furnished Mr. Henry his chief occupation for a quarter of a century. In 1909 he removed to Paloma, but still owns his Liberty Township farm of 300 acres and has another place of 300 acres two miles west in Gilmer Township. This second farm includes the old Walter Cate farm, and also 160 acres formerly owned by Mrs. Henry's father. These farms are now occupied and handled by tenants. Mr. Henry also has forty acres adjoining his home in the Village of Paloma. These are the extensive interests which require his undivided energies. Mr. Henry for a number of years has been a large hog raiser and feeder. He has not been in politics, and though classed as a democrat is really independent in casting his ballot. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he has served as trustee and Sunday school superintendent.

Of his children, Clifford died at the age of twenty-five. For several years he had been in charge of one of his father's farms, until ill health compelled him to retire. The son Albert operates a farm at Paloma and is a stock feeder. He married Bessie Post, of Quincy, and their two children are Mildred and Albert, Jr. Mary is a graduate of the Illinois State University, and took special work in Applied Sociology at New York, and is now engaged in social settlement work there, a profession for which her nature and inclinations eminently qualify her. She is matron of a social home or settlement at Hoosac Falls, New York, where special attention is given to the poor from the city. The oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry was Mabel, who died in childhood.

THOMAS M. YEARGAIN, who lives retired at Paloma, has been a citizen of much push and enterprise in Adams County. The distinguishing fact about him, often referred to by his friends and neighbors, is his breadth of interests and the influence and encouragement he extends constantly to those movements and activities that are outside the range of a selfish man's life. Of Mr. Yeargain it can be said that he has lived as well as worked, and has experienced many of the deepest things of existence.

Of his family it is hardly necessary to speak. The Yeargains have been factors in Gilmer and other townships of the county for several generations. Thomas M. Yeargain was born in that township February 23, 1856, a son of John P. and Elizabeth (Lawless) Yeargain. His mother was a sister of James S. Lawless. John P. Yeargain was one of four brothers, all of whom were prominent in Gilmer Township. The names of these brothers are mentioned particularly on another page of this publication. John P. Yeargain spent his life in Gilmer Township, having settled on a tract of prairie land which he broke with an ox team. He made a farm of 200 acres, situated in section 27, fourteen miles east of Quincy. On that farm he continued to live until after the death of his wife, about fifteen years ago. They had lived happily together for over forty years. After his wife died he spent his time among his children and died in 1910, at the age of seventy-eight. He was one of the founders of the old Mount Pleasant Methodist Episcopal Church. When he was a young man Peter Cartwright was one of the soul-stirring evangelists who sometimes preached in this community in schoolhouses and in private homes, and it was due to his influence that the Mount Pleasant Church was organized. John P. Yeargain gave liberally to the church and also donated as a cemetery a portion from the northwest corner of his farm. The church edifice still standing was erected in 1866. He was in charge of the church property and was sexton of the cemetery for a number of years. His house was practically the headquarters for all the preachers visiting there, and he and his hospitable wife entertained



many people during the protracted meetings. John P. Yeargain also served as township supervisor several times, was school director, road commissioner, and for over a quarter of a century served as superintendent of the Sunday school. He was a capable farmer, but his chief interest was in livestock. There was nothing he enjoyed more than a fine animal, and he doubtless inherited his love of horseflesh from his Kentucky ancestors. He was a noted hunter in early days, frequently killing deer and turkey in this county. Even when old age came upon him he kept a pack of hounds and was always on hand with them when a coon hunt was proposed.

Of the children of John P. Yeargain six reached maturity: Emma married James Callahan, of Carthage, Illinois, and died in young womanhood. Stephen died at the age of thirty. For two years he had lived at Orlando, Florida, and had an orange grove nicely established before his death. Jane Elizabeth is Mrs. Alexander Callahan, of Camp Point. The next in age is Thomas M. Maggie is Mrs. Frank Pearce, of Quincy. William O. spent most of his life in Gilmer Township but is now a farmer at Nova, Ohio.

Thomas M. Yeargain lived at home with his parents until he was twenty-five. He attended the district schools, but early considered it incumbent upon him to attend strictly to business and support himself. For some years he operated part of the old homestead, his father supplying the equipment and part of the stock. At the age of twenty-five Mr. Yeargain married Loretta Myers, a daughter of Jacob Myers, and of a numerous family long identified with Adams County and concerning whom more information will be found on other pages. After his marriage Mr. Yeargain and his brother bought a farm of 160 acres  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Paloma, but he later acquired his brother's interest. This was the old Colburn farm. With the backing of his father he at once began building a house and good barns, and he can always look back to that experience of establishing a home as one of great pleasure and satisfaction, since it was an occasion for the manifestation of the kindly neighborliness which especially characterized the older communities of Adams County. His neighbors frequently came in and helped him when he hauled his hogs to Quincy fifteen miles away, and in many other tasks requiring co-operation it was not infrequent for a dozen of his friends in the same community to join with him. Mr. Yeargain and his capable wife gradually paid off their obligations in spite of an era of low prices through which they lived. It required about twenty years to get their farm clear and it all came from the land itself. Mr. Yeargain still owns that farm, but in 1911 moved to Paloma. He owns ninety acres near that village, farm and pasture land, and has a substantial and comfortable home in the village.

Mr. Yeargain left the farm after the death of his wife in 1910, a loss which was aggravated a year later when his only son, John P., died at the age of eighteen. It was the necessity of a change which caused him to seek new environment in town. He is still in partnership with his son-in-law, the tenant of his farm, and takes much interest in maintaining farm stock and breeding from thoroughbred animals. Through his stock and in other ways he has contributed to the raising of standards in the neighborhood. To make the community better in every way has always been one of his ideals. Mr. Yeargain was one of the original members of the County Farm Improvement Association. He served eight years as assessor of Gilmer Township, taking the office only at the urging of his friends, and not because he was ambitious. He is a republican, has filled the place of delegate in various conventions, and has been keenly interested in the progress of the world at large. He was a member of the old Mount Pleasant Methodist Episcopal Church until removing to Paloma, and served as trustee and steward. He has never joined fraternities, and he has many of the tastes for outdoor life and wholesome sports that characterized his father. He has hunted the fox on horseback, has taken many fishing excursions, and is also keenly interested in the intellectual side of life. He attends chautauques regularly and has been a booster for such means of culture. The

broadening of country life has been greatly advanced in Mr. Yeargain's opinion by the introduction of the automobile.

Mr. Yeargain had three daughters and one son. Eva is the wife of Edward Morton, and they have two children, Loretta and Edward. Mr. Morton is now operating the Yeargain farm. Emma is unmarried and lives at home with her father in Paloma. Golden is the wife of Merle Ogle, a railroad agent at Paloma. All of Mr. Yeargain's ambitions were centered in his only son, John P.

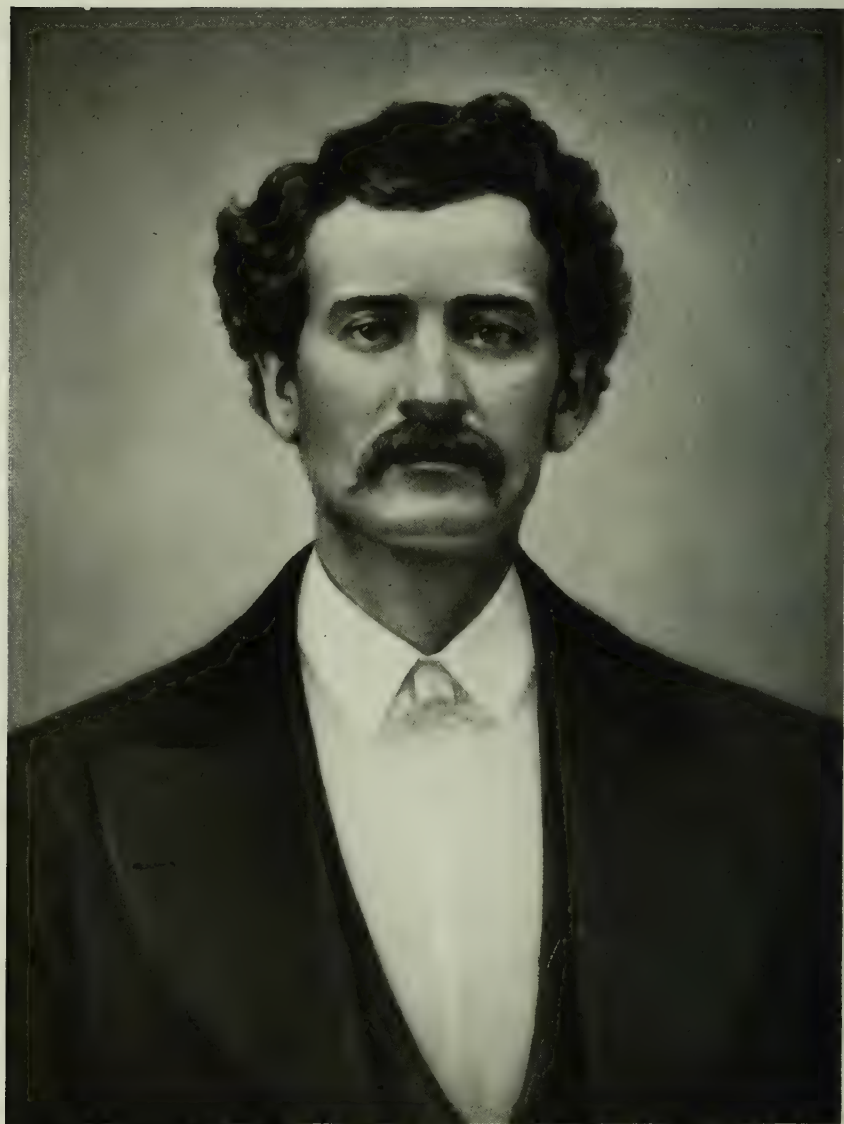
**WILLIAM A. COATS.** While in the course of a busy life William A. Coats has followed several occupations, it was as a farmer and manager of one of the extensive and well improved places of Liberty Township that he accumulated a competency. Mr. Coats is now a retired resident of Liberty Village.

He was born five miles northeast of Liberty Village February 16, 1860. His father was William A. Coats, Sr., who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, February 20, 1817. His parents came from Scotland. He was seven years old when his father died and at the age of fourteen he lost his mother. He was then apprenticed to learn the painting trade, serving for his clothes and board until reaching the age of twenty-one. In 1838 he went to New York City, thence to New Orleans, and in 1844 to Mason County, Kentucky. He married in Kentucky Miss Payton. Her father, George Payton, a few years later came to Adams County and settled in McKee Township. William A. Coats and wife also came to this county in 1856, making the journey by wagon and locating in McKee Township. William A. soon returned to Kentucky to get the rest of his goods, and when he returned he found that his wife was dead and buried. About 1858 he married Mrs. Ellen (Hugle) Gardner of Cincinnati, who had come to Adams County with her husband, Erastus Gardner. She was born in 1816 and died in 1897. Her father, William Hugle, went to Cincinnati, Ohio, about 1841. Mrs. Gardner at the time of her marriage had two sons and two daughters, while William A. Coats had three daughters by his first wife. Mrs. Gardner also had three children by her husband's former marriage. All of these became part of one household, making a family of ten children. The only child born to William A. Coats and Mrs. Ellen Gardner is William A., Jr. These children grew up together and made one of the large and numerous families of the township. William A. Coats bought out the heirs to the old Gardner farm, and he lived and died there. His death occurred November 8, 1881. He was laid to rest in a cemetery in a corner of the farm, which comprised 137 acres. The farm is now owned by William A. Coats, Jr., and he also owns another forty acres in Columbus Township. The house was built by Erastus Gardner, and since the death of William A., Sr., the son has constructed a new barn and has repaired and remodeled the house. William A. Coats, Sr., served as road commissioner and as a member of the school board, but was never a seeker for official honors. He was a member of the Liberty Evangelical Lutheran Church, and was one of the charter members of Liberty Lodge of Odd Fellows and was active in Masonry.

By his first marriage William A. Coats had three daughters, namely: Eveline, who married John A. Williams, and both died on the old farm which was conducted by Mr. Williams for a number of years; Minnie, who married Marion Garner and went to Kansas, where she is still living; Emma, the widow of Robert Gates, and living in Butler County, Kansas. The four children of Erastus Gardner and wife were: Sophia Gardner, who married Henry Heaton, and they both died at Xenia, Ohio; Harrison, who was a soldier in the Civil war and died a bachelor; Robert, who was also a soldier and died at Louisville, Kentucky, April 22, 1863; and Luella, who married Fielding Smith, and after her death in Southwestern Missouri her husband moved to Montana with his six daughters. Erastus Gardner by his first wife had the following children: Charlotte, who married John Hendricks and died in Southwestern Missouri; Charles, who died in Hancock County, Illinois; and William Gardner, who went west.







*Geo. K. Macleskey*

William A. Coats, Jr., spent his early life on his home farm, attended the local schools, also Carthage College and Maplewood High School at Camp Point. For a time he was a teacher in the Quincy District and gave up that occupation to return to the home farm and take care of the property and his father during his last illness. When his father was on his death bed he requested that his son should not delay his marriage on his account, therefore on November 7, 1881, the day before William A. Coats, Sr., died the son and Mary McCreery of Camp Point were united in marriage. Mrs. Coats died April 25, 1894. On June 23, 1897, Mr. Coats married Emma Kuntz, of Liberty Village, daughter of John and Mary (Lentz) Kuntz. Her father was a farmer and wagon maker and died in Liberty in 1908, in his seventy-fifth year. He was also a veteran of the Union army. His widow is still living at Barry, Illinois. Mrs. Emma Coats was born June 25, 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Coats continued to live on the old farm until 1907, and since then have lived in the Village of Liberty, the farm being operated by a tenant. Since renting his farm Mr. Coats has taken occasional work as a carpenter. He was one of the early members of the Tri-State Mutual Insurance Company, of which Judge McCarl of Quincy is president. He has filled all the chairs in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Mrs. Coats is a Rebekah and has also passed the various chairs and greatly increased the membership of the local order during her term as noble grand.

Mr. Coats by his first wife had two daughters: Laura Ellen and Leetah. Laura Ellen is the wife of Ed Stewart and they live in Pueblo, Colorado; Leetah married Samuel McBride, Jr., who died November 13, 1917, and she passed away December 12, 1917. Their three children were Ellwyn, Frances and Edna. The two daughters were adopted by her sister, Mrs. Laura Stewart, and the son has been cared for by his grandfather, A. J. McBride.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Coats are: Ray, born in 1906; Roy, who when seven years of age was killed in the streets of Liberty by an automobile April 3, 1917; and Anna Joy. All the families are members of the Lutheran Church.

GEORGE K. MACLASKEY, who died at his home in Plainville August 20, 1918, was a man of interesting personality and of experience, and spent most of his life in Adams County. Farming was his main business and it is an essential part of his record that he made a success of his undertakings.

He was born at Barry in Pike County, Illinois, November 27, 1847, and had therefore passed the age of three score and ten before his death. His parents were George and Barbara (Sweet) Maclaskey. George Maclaskey was a native of New York but was left an orphan when a child, was bound out, and never knew any other members of his family except this sister Mary. As a young man he came west. He had known the Sweet family in New York and they probably came together to Barry, where he was married soon afterward. George Maclaskey was a hard worker, did farming, and also hauled a great deal of freight to and from the Mississippi River landing in the early days. In 1858, when his son George K. was eleven years old, he moved to Richland Township in Adams County, and his children grew up there. He continued farming until advanced years and his death occurred while visiting a daughter in Nebraska. He was then eighty-two years of age. The old farm in Richland Township is now owned by Frank Bowers. The widowed mother spent her last years with her daughter Mrs. Mary Farmer, and died in the house in Plainville where Mrs. George Maclaskey now lives. She was eighty-six when she passed away. George Maclaskey, Sr. was always willing to do his part in community affairs, and served several terms as a member of the local school board. He was a democrat and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of his children, the oldest, Sarah, died in young womanhood. Melissa married James Evans, who went to Nebraska and died there several years later. Mary married Cass Farmer, of Richfield Township, and he died in the home where Mrs. George K. Maclaskey now lives. George K. Maclaskey was next in age. James Maclaskey is a farmer at Gridley in Woodson County, Kansas. He married Sarah

McCarl, a sister of Mrs. George K. Maclaskey, and she died in Kansas. Andrew Maclaskey was a bachelor, a railroad engineer, and he died in Denver, Colorado, at the age of sixty-two. Ira is a railroad man living in Kansas City, Kansas, Ida married Dr. David Rice of Colorado Springs, who was an executor of the great Stratton estate.

George K. Maclaskey lived at home with his parents until his marriage October 20, 1875, when Mary E. McCarl became his wife. Her mother was a sister to Judge McCarl's mother, therefore Mrs. Maclaskey and the Judge are double cousins. Mrs. Maclaskey was born in Richfield Township, November 13, 1852, and grew up on a farm. She was the third in a family of six children. Her sister Bethana, who died at Barry, Illinois, at the age of sixty-two, married Will B. Myers, formerly a farmer of Richfield Township but now living with his son Harvey L. at Barry. Sarah married James Maclaskey, as already noted, and she died in Kansas at the age of fifty-one. Mrs. McClaskey's brother Alexander is a Standard Oil Company employe at Portland, Oregon. Isaiah was a farmer in Richfield Township until his wife's death, but has since lived with his sister Mrs. Maclaskey. Calvin is an employe of the Williamson Oil Company at Quincy.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Maclaskey were one year in Southwestern Missouri. He then bought a farm of 115 acres, a mile south of Richfield Village and improved it with new buildings. That was their home when their two children, both daughters, Effie and Bessie, were taken away by the dread disease of diphtheria within two weeks of each other, Effie being sixteen and Bessie thirteen. This was a great sorrow for Mr. and Mrs. Maclaskey, and they were unable to endure life on the old farm longer and moved to Plainville, where they lived seven years. During that time Mr. Maclaskey filled several local offices in the village. Later he returned to the farm, improved it with new buildings, and finally sold it in 1909. They then returned to the village of Plainville and bought the present home, a commodious residence where Mrs. Maclaskey still lives. Mr. Maclaskey was one of the original stockholders in the Plainville Bank. He was never interested in politics for the sake of an office and only accepted such positions as school director and road boss in order to give efficiency to those local institutions. He was a democrat, for twenty-five years was active in the Methodist Episcopal church, a member of Plainville Lodge of Masons and was buried under the auspices of that order. He possessed a striking physique, was tall, straight and enjoyed perfect health until the last few weeks of his life. In later years he took much pleasure in the use and management of his car.

JOHN SPECKHART, SR. There are many reasons why the name Speckhart is spoken with such respect and esteem in Fall Creek Township. A large part of the population of Adams County during the past eighty years have been of German born or German parentage. John Speckhart, Sr., was the first German to locate in Fall Creek Township. He was a prominent settler there about seven years before he was joined by other fellow countrymen. He lived a long and useful life, and his sturdy character was transmitted to his sons and daughters. The family is now a numerous one, and some special tribute should be paid here to its founder in Adams County.

John Speckhart, Sr., was born at Dieburg in Hesse-Darmstadt June 14, 1812. He married Maria Furniff, who was born in Niederkindbach in the same Province of Germany April 23, 1816. It was in the winter of 1839 that John Speckhart set out for America. A sailing vessel brought him to New Orleans, where he landed February 22, 1840. A companion on the same vessel was coming to America for the purpose of settling in Iowa, and John Speckhart planned to make the same state his home. However, on reaching Quincy, having become separated from his traveling companions at St. Louis, he decided to remain in Adams County, and in the spring of 1840 bought land now included in the Speckhart estate in Fall Creek Township. In Germany John Speckhart had



learned the brick making trade and was also a roofer. He was a diligent workman, and though paid very meager wages according to present standards, he managed to accumulate some \$900 before coming to this country. He was possessed of perhaps more capital than most of the early Germans.

His first purchase of land consisted of 120 acres, included now in the farm of his son Adam. For seven years he lived in that English speaking community, without a single German neighbor. Later his brother-in-law, George Kiel, Sr., and a nephew, George Treats, joined him in Fall Creek Township. The first home of John Speckhart was a shanty covered with clapboards. It was roughly put together and both rain and snow came in, but it is significant that the family never had any sickness while living in that old house. Later he built a log structure and about sixty years ago put up the substantial brick house which is still standing and still offers all the comforts of a home. In building this home he utilized his knowledge of brick making, and burned the brick of his own farm.

Out of the trials and adversities of the early years he extended his possessions until he had 1,100 acres of good farm land. He was unable to speak English when he arrived, and gradually picked up a knowledge of the language by contact with his neighbors. He frequently hauled wood to Quincy, selling a load for 75 cents and taking it out in trade. He did much of his plowing with oxen, used the old fashioned cradle to garner his grain, and of him it could be truly said that he earned his bread by the sweat of his brow. The results he obtained showed what determined purpose and unremitting diligence would accomplish. He was a democrat in politics and both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. He was never a seeker for any public office, and for the last fifteen years of his life he lived retired. He always wrote the language of his fatherland, and the family records in his own hand in the family Bible are all in the German script, and were written when he was quite old.

John Speckhart, Sr., died March 16, 1894, and his wife on June 25, 1884. They were laid to rest in the Bluff Hall Cemetery. He and his wife had ten children. Those to reach mature years were John, William, Allen, Frederick, Lena, Elizabeth and Margaret.

JOHN SPECKHART, JR., is son of John Speckhart, the pioneer German settler of Fall Creek Township, and has his home eight miles southeast of Quincy, in section 8 of Fall Creek Township. He has long been one of the prominent farmers and citizens of this locality.

His residence stands on the brow of a bluff some 200 feet above the extensive bottom lands along the Mississippi. From the home a view up and down the river is afforded for miles. The home farm proper is on the uplands, but includes also a liberal stretch of the rich and fertile bottoms. Mr. Speckhart has 850 acres, the greater part cultivated, and includes some of the best wheat and corn land in the entire county. The old house still stands, and one room of it was the place where John Speckhart, Sr., began housekeeping. John Speckhart, Jr., erected his present home about thirty-four years ago. He also has all the necessary outbuildings, and his improvements are of the very best character. His three sons now operate the farm in partnership.

Mr. Speckhart was born July 4, 1848, in Fall Creek Township, and as a boy received very limited schooling. He had every opportunity and encouragement to work, train his muscles and his native intelligence. He has performed the duties that lay nearest him, and in so doing has accomplished his greatest public service and contributed most to the development of the community. Once when he was a young man he was offered the office of road supervisor. Appreciating the honor as coming from neighbors and friends he entered upon its duties, and even left his own work to attend that of the public. An important improvement needed to be made, and he set about it, exercising all the judgment he possessed. He experienced what every public servant experiences, criticisms

and objections. His own father-in-law joined in the objections to the way the improvement was made. But Mr. Speckhart went steadily ahead and carried out his own ideas. Not long afterward another influential neighbor said that Mr. Speckhart had done the work primarily to please his father-in-law, and after this unjustified criticism he became so disgusted that he resigned the office and never consented to serve in another public place. He has been an officer in the Bluff Hall Congregational Church since early manhood. For the past twelve years Mr. Speckhart has lived retired, spending much of his time with his brother Adam. They are mutually fond of angling for fish in the Mississippi River, and fishing is the best recreation of their advancing years.

John Speckhart married Hannah Schaeffer, who was born in Lippe, Germany, October 7, 1851, and two years later came to America with her parents, William and Florentine (Kruger) Schaeffer. She was educated in the German school at Quincy, and was married to Mr. Speckhart April 15, 1869. A brief record of their children is as follows: Elizabeth, born October 7, 1871, married John Ehtencamp; John, born June 28, 1875, married Annie Westholdt; Emma, born January 25, 1878, died March 8, 1882; William, born February 7, 1880, married Letta Alsmeyer; Maggie, born August 25, 1882, married John Hulcher; Charles, born May 21, 1886; Daniel, twin brother of Charles, died when one day old; August, born March 1, 1889, died May 8th of the same year; and Ella, born June 3, 1894. The daughter Elizabeth is now deceased. Charles married Lillian Uebner and is at the old home. Ella is the wife of George Spencer, of Payson Township.

JAMES EDWARD LOHR, of Paloma, has for twenty years been engaged in the hay and grain business. In that time he has had dealings with nearly every farmer in Gilmer and Honey Creek Township, and in an experience covering such a long period of years and involving so many transactions the people have come to have a high appreciation of Mr. Lohr's commercial integrity and the importance of the service which he renders. For a number of years Mr. Lohr has handled between 100,000 and 150,000 bushels of grain and 150 carloads of hay annually. In recent years he has also been a lumber merchant, being manager of the Paloma Lumber Company since it was established three years ago by the Moller-Vanden Boom Company of Quincy. In the local yards at Paloma are carried a stock valued at \$20,000, including everything needed in building. Mr. Lohr is alone in the hay and grain business, but had as his partner and associate until two years ago, J. H. Lummis.

Mr. Lohr was born in Morgan County, Illinois, November 27, 1871, but his parents had lived in Adams County and soon returned here. He is a son of the late William L. and Sarah (Booth) Lohr. William L. Lohr was born in Morgan County December 27, 1843, and died at his late home two miles east of Fowler on the Cannon Ball Trail in Gilmer Township October 10, 1914. He was a son of Peter and Susannah (Davis) Lohr. He was a small boy when his mother died, and Peter Lohr lived to a good old age, past eighty-five, dying at Columbus as a retired farmer. William Lohr came to Adams County when about twenty-one years of age and for a time was employed by D. L. Hair, then superintendent of the County Poor Farm. While here William L. Lohr met Miss Sarah Booth, member of the old and prominent family of that name. She was born in Adams County September 7, 1847, and was just twenty years of age when she married on January 31, 1867. After their marriage they lived in Morgan County on his father's farm four years, and then came to the place in Gilmer Township where William L. Lohr spent the rest of his days. He found that farm with only a small frame house, and he was responsible for placing there the substantial buildings which adorn it today. William L. Lohr was a republican in politics, and his family have long been identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Paloma. For a number of years William L. Lohr had a special distinction of service in the community as a grower of cane and operator of a mill producing a high grade of sorghum molasses, a



commodity greatly appreciated by his patrons, but even in these days of sugar scarcity seldom produced on a commercial scale. Mrs. William L. Lohr is still living. She became the mother of seven children: Susie, Mrs. J. Henry Morton, of Honey Creek; Nellie, who died November 3, 1914, just a month after the death of her father, in her thirty-ninth year; Sina B. and Jennie, still at home with their mother; Edward; Rolla L., who operates the old home farm, married Edna Middelbury, of Fowler; Harry B., who is in the United States Army and is now being trained in an automobile school at Kansas City. Both Rolla and Harry were associated for ten years as threshermen in this county.

James Edward Lohr was one year old when his parents returned to Adams County, and he grew up on the old farm in Gilmer Township. At the age of twenty-four he married Miss Mary Hastings, daughter of William Hastings of Mendon. References to this family are made on other pages. After his marriage Mr. Lohr farmed for two years in Ellington Township, and then came to Paloma and bought out the Lummis Brothers general store. For six years he bought and sold hay and grain as a side line, and then sold his store and gave particular attention to the hay and grain business. He owns a half interest in the Grain and Livestock Company of Coatsburg and Loraine, and is associated with Mr. Lummis in the ownership of a cotton and corn plantation of 500 acres in McIntosh County, Oklahoma. Mr. Lohr is a past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of the Mystic Workers of the World, and he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTHUR HENRY LOOS. On other pages will be found a somewhat extended account of various members of the Loos family, and here it is the purpose to single out one of them who has made a specially good record as a progressive farmer and citizen in Fall Creek Township, his home being ten miles southeast of Quincy in the very northeast corner of the township.

He was born March 26, 1881, a son of George F. Loos. His father was also born in Adams County, in 1848, and for many years had a fine farm of 100 acres in section 34 of Melrose Township.

It was on that farm that Arthur Henry Loos grew to manhood and got his education in the local public schools. On November 4, 1903, he married Elizabeth Schnellbecher, daughter of William and Kate (Speckhart) Schnellbecher. The annals of the Schnellbecher family are also published elsewhere. William Schnellbecher was killed by lightning, and Mrs. Loos' mother afterward married Henry Kauffman, a Melrose Township farmer. Both are now deceased, and there were four children by her second marriage: August, John, Clarice and William Kauffman.

Mrs. Loos was eighteen years old at the time of her marriage. They started out a young couple on their present farm, having fifty-six acres of the old homestead, and they also own seventy acres adjoining across the road, including ten acres of timber. Mr. Loos has gone ahead and done much to improve and increase the value of his farm, erecting a new barn and remodeling the other buildings. He farms as a stockman and grain raiser and keeps a herd of good cows, milking eight to ten regularly. He converts the cream into butter for special customers and uses the skim milk largely to fatten from fifty to sixty hogs, which he sends to the market every year. Mr. Loos has been too busy to seek public office, and is content to cast his vote as a democrat. He and his wife have four young children. Florence, the oldest, is now in the eighth grade of the public schools. The other three are Helen, Hazel and Orville. Mr. and Mrs. Loos attend the Payson Congregational Church. He is a school director. Mrs. Loos had a sister and brother, Catherine, Mrs. Chris Raabe, of near Mendon, and Fred Schnellbecher, in Fall Creek Township.

REICH BROTHERS & COMPANY. In these stirring times it is significant to refer to some special instances of the strength and validity of new ideas which have gained hold in many parts of the country. In the business world it has



long been recognized that in union there is strength, that the combination of resources effects larger and better results than strictly individualized effort. The same thing is equally true of agriculture, with some modifications, and it is undeniable that two farmers working together can accomplish more than twice as much as one alone.

It is this idea which is at the foundation of the firm Reich Brothers & Company in Fall Creek Township. They are not merchants, but are a firm of general farmers and stockmen, handling a large body of land, using up-to-date methods, and getting all the advantages that come from a combination of resources. Their enterprise is divided among three farms, though operated practically as one, and their homes are about fourteen miles southeast of Quincy and two and a half miles west of Payson.

The members of the firm are George Fred and William Reich and a brother-in-law, Charles Willis. William occupies the old Reich farm proper. The old Seehorn farm, where Mr. Willis lives, is one of the oldest estates in that part of the county, and the same is true of the Abijah Harris farm, which is the home of George Fred Reich. On this land is the old Harris residence, one of the landmarks of the county.

The firm was organized in 1917. The partners operate 620 acres in a body, and they have carried out many extensive improvements. One feature which indicates their progressiveness is the use of gas tractors in plowing their large fields. They grow extensive crops of wheat, corn and oats, and in 1917 they fed over 100 cattle and marketed over 100 head of hogs.

The father of the Reich brothers was the late Frederick Reich, who was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, May 3, 1841, and died August 11, 1900, at the age of fifty-nine years, three months and eight days. His death was the result of injuries received in an accident three days before his death. He was a small child when his parents brought him to Adams County and settled in Fall Creek Township. His mother lived to advanced years. Frederick Reich on June 26, 1864, married Elizabeth Keil, daughter of George Keil. She was also born in Germany and was brought as a child to Fall Creek Township. She is still living on the old Reich farm. Frederick Reich learned the blacksmith trade at Quincy and followed it actively for eleven years. He then took charge of the Keil farm, and his wife's father spent his last years in that home and died when past eighty years of age. Frederick Reich bought part of the present farm, eighty acres, later secured thirty acres adjoining, and still later purchased 160 acres, though leaving it to his sons to pay for this part of the land. Subsequently the sons acquired 251 acres, giving them all told 620 acres. As noted above, this includes the old Abijah Harris farm. The Abijah Harris residence is one of the oldest in that part of the county. It is said that one of the first schools in Adams County was taught in the house of Abijah Harris himself about 1833. Marcus Thompson, father of John G. Thompson, once said that he attended school in that old building, which is still standing. This structure has special interest from the fact that most of its covering is of walnut boards.

Frederick Reich and wife were active members of the Bluff Hall Congregational Church, and he was one of the early treasurers of that society. He and his wife had two sons and two daughters. The oldest is George Fred. The daughter, Licetta, is the wife of Charles Willis, one of the present partners in the firm. Their home is the old Seehorn place. Mr. and Mrs. Willis have two sons, Frank and Emmett Willis. Charles Willis worked for the Reich brothers as a hired hand for several years, until his marriage, and finally was taken into the partnership. The second child is William Reich. The second daughter is Margaret, wife of William Born, superintendent of sub-postal station in St. Louis. They have three daughters, Dorothy, Margaret and Louise.

William Reich married Margaret Willis, a sister of Charles Willis. They have two sons, William and Charles.

George Fred Reich married in 1899 Minnie Bock, daughter of Daniel and

Frederika (Gasser) Bock, both of whom died in Melrose Township. Mrs. Reich was born in Melrose Township June 3, 1872. She is the mother of four sons, Arthur, Theodore, Leo and Fred, and she lost one daughter, Irena, in infancy. Another member of the family of George Fred Reich is Mrs. Reich's sister, Katie Bock.

**EDWIN NICHOLS YINGLING.** Some of the first settlements in Adams County were made in Fall Creek Township, several years prior to the establishment of Quincy. The Yingling family while not among the first were among the very early settlers, locating there more than eighty-five years ago. Ever since the name has stood for all that is good in citizenship, industry and high character. One of the family was Edwin Nichols Yingling, who spent all his life in the county, and had a farm four miles east of Marblehead and fifteen miles southeast of Quincy, still occupied by Mrs. Yingling.

He was born in Adams County April 19, 1836, and died November 1, 1904. His parents were Joseph and Nancy (Nichols) Yingling. Joseph Yingling was born in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, May 29, 1791. His wife was born January 28, 1802. They were married August 19, 1824, and came to Adams County from Bourbon County, Kentucky. Joseph Yingling died December 21, 1864, and his widow May 27, 1881. They had four children. The oldest, James A., who was born in Kentucky in 1829, inherited the old homestead, later moved to Quincy, and died in the West but was buried at Quincy. A daughter, Elizabeth A., married a Mr. Thompson, and their two sons are Emir Thompson, of Payson Township, and Wilbur Thompson, of Quincy. Another daughter, Mary B. Yingling, became the wife of Charles Stewart. Charles Stewart was born at Barneygat, New Jersey, January 7, 1838, son of Samuel and Rachel (Malcolm) Stewart, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Charles Stewart and Mary Yingling were married February 11, 1866. She was born June 5, 1838. Charles Stewart came to Adams County with his parents in 1840 and they settled in section 11 of Fall Creek Township. In 1868 they sold their old home and located south and west of Newtown in Burton Township, but finally retired to Payson, where Samuel Stewart died at the age of seventy-two and his wife at eighty. Their seven children were George, Charles, Selina, Helen, Samuel, Jane and Isaac. Charles Stewart in 1861, with several other neighbors, went overland to California but at the close of the war returned to Adams County, and after his marriage settled on the farm now occupied by his son Wilmer. Charles Stewart died February 29, 1916, and his wife October 29, 1891. They are buried in the old Craigtown Cemetery at Payson.

Edwin N. Yingling was married December 29, 1868, to Helen Stewart, a sister of Charles Stewart, above noted. She was born March 3, 1842, and died February 28, 1891.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Yingling secured the farm now occupied by his widow. He had spent several years in California as a young man. The Yingling homestead was included in his father's original estate. It contains ninety acres. He and his wife lived in a log house until the present substantial structure was erected about forty years ago. It was then and still is one of the best homes in that community. The farm is now rented. Mr. Yingling was a democrat, served as road commissioner, and was always public spirited in matters of local moment.

On July 20, 1896, Mr. Yingling married Christine R. Seiz. She was born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, December 28, 1859, and came to the United States in company with her brother, Gottfried Seiz, in 1880. Her brother now lives in Burton Township. Mrs. Yingling for a number of years was employed in the Yingling home, and after the death of the first Mrs. Yingling she married and continued as head of the household, and today occupies the old home and has carefully looked after the business affairs.

Mr. Yingling's only child by his first wife was Elmer E. Yingling, who died in infancy. The present Mrs. Yingling is the mother of one daughter,



Esther Nancy, who remains at home with her mother. Mrs. Yingling is a member of the Christian Church at Payson. Mr. Yingling took a fatherless young boy to rear in his home, named Harry Cram. He was one of the Yingling household until he married Dolly Sparks, and they now live in the West.

Joseph Yingling, father of Edwin N., before coming to Adams County was a merchant. He was a very methodical man, as is evidenced by the accounts which he kept carefully for many years. His account books, now carefully preserved by his grand-daughter, Esther N. Yingling, show various transactions from the year 1819 until 1854-55.

CHARLES LIONBERGER. A farm that has been in one family ownership for over half a century and has many interesting associations with good and honest people of Adams County now deceased is that of Charles Lionberger in Payson Township,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile east of Plainville.

On that farm and on the site of his present home but in another house Charles Lionberger was born March 15, 1862, son of John and Elizabeth (Kite) Lionberger. His great-grandfather, Peter Lionberger, was a native of Germany and a colonial settler in Virginia, and was there in time to join the colonies in their struggle for independence and served in the revolution. By his first wife he had a son, also named Peter, who married Elizabeth Smith. The second generation fared westward from Virginia and settled in Ohio. John Lionberger, father of Charles, was born near Newark in Licking County, Ohio, August 11, 1816. In 1842 he came to Illinois in company with Benjamin Lionberger and William Morris. William Lionberger, his brother, was born January 21, 1829, and married Amanda Taylor, and for many years was a resident of Adams County. After about a year and a half in Adams County John Lionberger returned to Ohio, but soon came back and took up his home on what is now the Lionberger homestead, living in a little log cabin. On October 20, 1840, he married in Licking County, Ohio, Elizabeth Kite, who was born in that county March 20, 1821. Her parents were Adam and Sarah (Parr) Kite. The Kite family had moved from Page County, Virginia, to Ohio about 1804. Mrs. John Lionberger's grandfather was a native of Hesse, Germany, but came to America prior to the war for independence, and one of his family was a colonel in the Hessian Army. Adam Kite at the time of the Revolution was detailed to stay home and keep guard over the people of his locality.

A brother of Elizabeth Kite, and uncle of Mr. Charles Lionberger, was the late William Kite, an interesting character and a man of pioneer instincts who was always on the move and seldom remained long in one place. He followed farming in Ohio for a time, went to Missouri, then to Adams County, Illinois, lived at Huntington, Indiana, from 1860 to 1864, spent the next four years in Adams County, and for eight years was in Missouri and one season at Sherman, Texas. For three years he lived in Indian Territory, where his wife died and was buried. They had four children. Again William Kite was back among old familiar scenes in Ohio, then went to Crawford County, Illinois, again to Adams County, was in Missouri for a time, and his last days were spent in the home of his nephew, Charles Lionberger, where he died March 12, 1910.

John Lionberger died June 16, 1887, and his wife on December 14, 1882. They were the parents of eight children: Sarah, born April 2, 1842, deceased; George, born March 20, 1844, deceased; Alfred, born April 22, 1846, married Maggie Greene, had a family of five sons and two daughters and lived in Livingston County, Missouri; Alvira, born June 16, 1848, was married to George Green and had eight children; Calvin, born April 28, 1850, deceased; Isaac, born March 10, 1852, deceased; Louisa, born June 20, 1855; and Charles.

Charles Lionberger grew up on the old homestead in Payson Township, attended the country schools and the Gem City Business College, and has given the best energies of his life to farming, and always on the old home-



stead. He worked for his father there until reaching his majority. He owns 204 acres, 160 acres in section 23 and the remainder in section 24. Part of it is in timber. The substantial house was erected in 1875, and with that exception Mr. Lionberger has added all the building improvements. He gives particular attention to livestock, and sells a number of cattle every season direct from the grass and is also a breeder of Poland China hogs.

April 14, 1891, Mr. Lionberger married Miss Ollie Blauser. She was born March 4, 1872, daughter of John and Amanda (Wagy) Blauser. John Blauser was born in Pennsylvania November 27, 1844, and spent the last eight years of his life in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lionberger, where he died November 22, 1918. He came to Illinois when about six years of age with his parents, who made the journey down the Ohio and up the Mississippi rivers. These parents were Jacob and Chrisanna (Lupton) Blauser, the former also a native of Pennsylvania. The Blasuers came to Adams County in company with the Carmony family, they being related, and as there were twelve children in the Carmony family, the party made almost a boat load. Jacob Blauser settled two miles south of Payson, and died there when past eighty years of age. Chrisanna, his wife, died when about sixty. Jacob Blauser and wife had four sons who are still living: Jacob, of Fall Creek Township; William, of Pike County, Illinois; Henry, of Spokane, Washington; and Alexander, of Quincy. There were also three daughters: Melinda, Mrs. John Bohn, of Payson; Anna Mary, widow of George Nowell, of Payson; and Catherine, Mrs. M. Thompson, of Fall Creek Township. John Blauser, father of Mrs. Lionberger, had a good farm in Richland Township, two miles east and a half mile south of Plainville, but this property has since been sold. He and his wife, Amanda, had two daughters: Mrs. Lionberger and Nellie. The latter was born November 28, 1873, and married Frank Waters, of Plainville, and became the mother of three children. John Blauser by his second marriage also had two children: Elmer, who died at the age of seven years, and Florence, born July 15, 1888, now the widow of Burdett Scott and living at Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. Lionberger has found sufficient interest for the energies of his lifetime on the home farm. He served a very efficient term as road commissioner three years. He is a democrat, and supports all the churches. He is a member of the Adams County Mutual Life Insurance Company.

**J. PHILIP SPANGLER.** The community of Burton Township knows J. Philip Spangler as a citizen and farmer whose progressiveness is above question and who has utilized the capital and opportunities with which he started life to acquire abundant possessions and extend his holdings and usefulness until he is one of the chief farmers in that locality. His home is thirteen miles east of Quincy.

Mr. Spangler was born in the same township, not far from Burton Village, September 28, 1868, son of John and Margaret (Wirth) Spangler. Both parents were natives of Germany, his father born in the valley of the Rhine. His mother came with her parents to America and he came to this country alone. After their marriage in Quincy they became renters in Burton Township; later bought forty acres and he gradually improved his holdings until he had 310 acres in the homestead and eighty acres a mile and a half north, which is now owned by his son J. Philip. John Spangler was a very resourceful and energetic farmer. He built a number of buildings on his land and managed his affairs so successfully that he was finally able to retire and spent his last days in the village of Liberty, where he died December 24, 1898, at the age of seventy-two. His widow passed away at the same age. They had the following children: Lizzie, wife of Charles File, of Kansas; John, who was a stock buyer and died at Liberty in April, 1915, when about fifty-five years of age; Mary, unmarried and living in California; J. Philip; Henry, on the old homestead; and Jacob, who operates a hack line from Quincy to Liberty.

J. Philip Spangler married in 1894 Miss Lulu McBride, of Liberty, daughter

of Samuel McBride. Her father was a well known Liberty Township farmer and died in 1918. Mrs. Spangler was eighteen at the time of her marriage.

After their marriage they came to occupy their present home farm, which Mr. Spangler's father had owned as above noted. Some years later Mr. Spangler bought the James Lytle farm of 170 acres adjoining his homestead, and he paid for this large and well improved farm \$22,250.00. He now has it all under cultivation, and is doing his part as one of the Liberty farmers of America.

Mr. Spangler has served as road commissioner one term, is a democrat, is a trustee of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, and has been very active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Liberty, passing all the local chairs and twice serving as representative to the Grand Lodge. He and his wife have one daughter, Mabel, at home.

**AUGUST F. STORMER.** A highly esteemed citizen of Quincy, and one of its successful business men, August F. Stormer has won an extended reputation as an undertaker, and his services are sought not only in the city, but in the surrounding country. A son of Frederick William Stormer, he was born in Ellington Township, Adams County, Illinois, October 22, 1868.

Frederick W. Stormer was born and brought up in Germany. Immigrating to the United States in 1857, he located in Adams County, and having bought land in Ellington Township was engaged in tilling the soil until his death. He married Anna Margaret Lueninghouer, a native of Germany, and to them eight children were born, as follows: Henry, deceased; William, of Quincy; Theodore, of Quincy; Anna and Edward, deceased; John L., of Quincy; August F., the special subject of this sketch; and Herman H., of Quincy.

Receiving his preliminary education in the country schools, August F. Stormer subsequently continued his studies in the Quincy schools for awhile. Returning home, he assisted his father on the farm for about six months, and then, a lad of fourteen years, he entered the employ of the Dayton Book & Paper Company, with which he remained four years. Being forced to resign that position on account of ill health, he stayed with his parents two years, and then re-entered the service of his former employers. Two years later Mr. Stormer made a change of occupation, and afterward became associated with the paper house of Ben Lock, remaining in the establishment six months. Entering then the employ of George Stormmann, he was for sixteen years engaged in decorating, becoming quite skilful.

In 1906, Mr. Stormer, in partnership with his brother Herman H. Stormer, purchased an undertaking business at 918 State Street, Quincy, and continued with him three years, being quite successful. In the meantime he became skilled in the embalming process, attending embalming schools in Chicago and Peoria, and receiving his diploma June 15, 1907. On January 18, 1908, the partnership with his brother having been dissolved, Mr. Stormer started in business alone, and has since devoted his time exclusively to undertaking, in which he is very efficient. He is located at 803 State Street.

On August 30, 1894, Mr. Stormer was united in marriage with Hannah Seibe, a native of Quincy, and they have one child, Grace, born June 14, 1899. Politically Mr. Stormer is prominent in party affairs, being a member of the Republican Central Committee. Fraternally he belongs to the Woodmen of the World; the Modern Woodmen; the Loyal Order of Moose; Queen of the West; Royal Neighbors of America; and is a member of the South Side Boat Club. Religiously he and his family are members of the St. James Lutheran Church.

**CHARLES W. STURTEVANT.** If for no other reason Charles W. Sturtevant, of Plainville, is one of the interesting and honored citizens of Adams County because of his service as a Union soldier during the Civil war. However, he



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has played a worthy part in the county in civil life for fifty or sixty years, and he is still interested in business, though nominally retired.

Mr. Sturtevant was born at Bennington, Vermont, December 1, 1845. Soon after his birth he was adopted by Marshall B. and Fidelia Sturtevant, and with them as a child of 2½ years was brought West to Illinois. Marshall B. Sturtevant was born in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, October 21, 1818. His father, Daniel Sturtevant, had eighteen children by two wives. The mother of Marshall B. was Hepzibah (Barney) Sturtevant. Marshall B. Sturtevant grew up on a farm and worked in a cotton factory, and on October 6, 1838, married Fidelia Ketchum, daughter of Solomon and Polly (Hemenway) Ketchum. She was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, September 18, 1818, but grew up in Massachusetts. Marshall B. Sturtevant and his wife had no children of their own, except their adopted child, Charles W. They finally arrived in Chicago on their journey westward July 3, 1848, and for eight years lived in Winnebago County, Illinois, at Cherry Valley. They then spent a year at Kinderhook in Pike County, Illinois, where Marshall Sturtevant built and ran a saw mill. In 1857 he moved to Adams County and located on his farm in section 26 of Payson Township, three-quarters of a mile south of Plainville. Marshall B. Sturtevant and wife are well remembered old people of Adams County. The former died July 21, 1908, aged eighty-nine years and nine months. His widow lived for three years after his death with her foster son Charles W., and died January 17, 1912, aged ninety-three years four months. Marshall B. Sturtevant improved his farm with good buildings and finally willed it to his nephew, Melvin W. Bowker, who had lived in the Sturtevant home from the age of eleven and farmed the place for many years. Mr. Bowker still owns the Sturtevant homestead. M. B. Sturtevant was a charter member of the Plainville Masonic Lodge and was buried with Masonic honors. In politics he was a republican.

Charles W. Sturtevant lived with his parents until past twenty-one years of age and received his education in the district schools. In the meantime he had made his record as a Union soldier. He enlisted in 1862 in Company F of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Infantry, and served until discharged for disability at Vicksburg in 1863. In the spring of 1865 he joined the army again as a recruit for Company D of the Fiftieth Illinois Infantry, and reached the command at Goldsboro, North Carolina, participating in some of the last movements of the war, including the Grand Review at Washington. He is a charter member of William Larimore Post No. 591 Grand Army of the Republic, and past commander, and has attended some of the national encampments.

For several years Mr. Sturtevant conducted the home farm for his parents, and then worked as a house painter fifteen years. For six years he was a hardware merchant at Plainville. He then resumed his trade of house painter and also of house carpenter. On July 1, 1906, he accepted the post of carrier for rural route No. 2 out of Plainville. Some of his friends said that he would not continue the work a year, but instead he kept at it for nine years and five months, until he was past the age of seventy. Even after leaving his daily routine of mail delivery he kept up an interest in business affairs as a builder and contractor, occasionally taking a job to build a house or barn from foundation to ridgepole. Though a republican, he has never sought public office, but served as president of the village board and in other minor positions. He has been a loyal Odd Fellow for thirty years, joining the Plainville Lodge at its organization, passing the various chairs and several times representing it at Grand Lodge. He is also a charter member of Camp No. 1116, Modern Woodmen of America. In former years Mr. Sturtevant keenly enjoyed hunting, fishing and other outdoor sports, and as a fine rifle shot his prowess was much to be feared in the old time turkey shooting contests.

December 28, 1876, he married Miss Lucretia Haws, a native of Hampshire County, West Virginia. At the age of sixteen she came west with her parents,

George and Eve Haws, who located at Plainville in Adams County. Her father died here three years later and her mother twelve years later. Her mother spent her last years with Mrs. Sturtevant. Mrs. Sturtevant has had the care and responsibility of looking after three old ladies, including her husband's real mother, who has kept in touch with him for many years. She had a son by each of three husbands, and one of these, Charles, half-brother of Charles W. Sturtevant, spent a few years on the Sturtevant homestead. Mr. Sturtevant's mother died when past eighty years of age. As already noted, his foster mother spent her last years at this home. Thus Mrs. Sturtevant performed a noble part by these old people altogether for a period of seventeen years. Her own mother suffered from paralysis for seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Sturtevant have two children, the only one growing up being a daughter, Mertie F. Mertie taught for sixteen years, mainly in Adams County, including ten years at the Plainville School. She is still at home with her parents. She is a most independent and effective worker, and is widely known over Adams County. She is active as a Sunday School teacher, and has been particularly active in Red Cross and Liberty Bond campaigns. She runs her own car, and is always ready to enlist her services in any campaign for local good or patriotic cause.

**JAMES RUSSELL FERGUSON.** Some of the first white settlements in Adams County were planted in Burton Township, and the roll of pioneer names includes several members of the Ferguson family. Part of the big stock farm of James Russell Ferguson in that township includes a portion of the land acquired by his ancestors here ninety years ago.

James Russell Ferguson was born in Burton Township September 18, 1847, son of John and Emily Jane (Pollock) Ferguson. John Ferguson was one of eight brothers, of a family that originated and lived for many years in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. The father of these brothers was also named James. He was a resident of southwestern Pennsylvania during the years immediately following the Revolution, and was a participant in the whiskey rebellion, one of the events always referred to in American histories. Some of the sons participated in the War of 1812. Among them was Samuel, a brother of John, who brought a land warrant west and located in Burton Township, and built his log cabin home there as early as 1828. Four years later he volunteered to serve in the Black Hawk Indian War of 1832.

John Ferguson, father of James R., was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, and his wife at Mansfield in Richland County, that state. John Ferguson came to Adams County in 1833 and his wife the next year. Emily Jane Pollock's father was an Ohio River steamboat captain, and spent many of his winters at Quincy and in Adams County. His brother, Robert Pollock, settled in Burton Township. John and Emily Ferguson were married in Burton Township, and they located in section 2, where his uncle Samuel was the second white settler. John bought the farm of his uncle and he and his brother Robert lived on it for a time as bachelors. Robert Ferguson died at the age of fifty-eight. John Ferguson died on the old Samuel Ferguson farm at the age of eighty years and his wife at the age of eighty-four. Of this farm eighty acres is now owned by James R. Ferguson. John Ferguson was a very prosperous and energetic business man and farmer, and acquired fully 800 acres in Missouri and Illinois. His son James R. was associated with him for a number of years and looked after the operation of 460 acres in Illinois, including his present fine farm.

James R. Ferguson had three sisters: Ann Maria, living in Gilmer Township, widow of Thomas Lawless; Clara Viola, Mrs. James Lawless, of Gilmer Township; and Helen A., now living in Gilmer Township, widow of Doctor Landon, of Burton.

James R. Ferguson has given all his mature years to farming and stock raising. He first acquired 160 acres, two miles south of the old homestead, and inherited eighty acres of the homestead. He has since added another eighty



acres, making 240 acres in his home place, and he now has just exactly a half section of Adams County land and some of the very best soil in the entire county. Mr. Ferguson has been very progressive and has expended nearly \$10,000 in building improvements. He raises hogs and cattle, selling the cattle from the grass, and turning off from 100 to 150 fat hogs every season.

At the age of twenty-four he married Miss Emma X. Kimmons, who was born in Adams County, daughter of Luke Kimmons. Her father came to this county in 1835 from Washington County, Pennsylvania, and thus the Ferguson and the Kimmons families were from about the same section of the Keystone State. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson have three living children, and Edna and Clarence died in childhood. Ada, their oldest living child, is the wife of Henry Lohse, who is associated with her father in farming. Lulu, now at home, was educated in the Illinois Normal University and was a teacher for ten years in this county. Jessie finished her education in music at Chicago, was formerly a teacher in Adams County, and is now in the same vocation in South Dakota. Mrs. Ferguson also taught school in early life at Camp Point. Mr. Ferguson is a republican, but without aspirations for office, though for twenty-five years he has been a member of the school board and takes much interest in improving the local schools. He and his wife are members of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Episcopal Church.

HENRY HAMPSMIRE has the proper pride due a citizen of exemplary character and conduct who has spent many years in Adams County, has worked hard, has seen the fruition of his plans and hopes in many respects and all the prosperity he enjoys is only a due reward for the service rendered. The Hampsmire home is in Payson Township, twenty-one miles southeast of Quincy and  $4\frac{3}{4}$  miles north of Hull, located on the county line between Adams and Pike counties. The farm is a fine body of land in most excellent condition of tillage and fertility. Its owner has found scope to work out various economic plans in building and in breeding livestock, and these constructive details served partially to offset the strain resulting from the sudden death of his son just coming to maturity. Mr. and Mrs. Hampsmire are closely identified with Akers Chapel of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and exemplifying in their own lives the teachings of the Master they accept with due humility the burdens of service and with a fine realization of ultimate causes they pursue their life's course steadily and bravely.

Henry Hampsmire was born in Lippe-Detmold, Germany, October 15, 1851. He was five and a half years old when his parents, Frank and Louise (Dickman) Hampshire, set out for America. His mother's brother, Fred Dickman, and wife also came along. Four sisters were already in Illinois. Mrs. Fred Dickman, Mrs. Gilhouse, mother of Ernest Gilhouse of this county, Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Miller. The family arrived in Adams County in the spring of 1857. Frank Hampsmire was a brickmaker by trade, but had no capital on reaching Quincy. The first summer he worked for his brother-in-law, Mr. Miller, in a brickyard. He then went to the Abel farm in Burton Township and undertook the heavy work of grubbing new land and making a farm, working out for several of his neighbors. He put in one crop on the Humphrey farm south of Adams. His farming was done with an ox team. Later, on a place  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Burton, he contrived during the summer seasons to put in a few acres of crops, and during the winter hauled wood to Quincy for \$2 and \$2.50 a load. In time, as his sons became able, they assisted him. He continued to rent until about 1869, when he bought a farm of 120 acres in Pike County, on the north line of the county from his son's present place. More of this place was uncleared than cleared and he rented the bottom lands for his immediate crops. He built a house, the original one being destroyed by fire. He had a log barn, but later constructed a better one. He went in debt for a large part of his purchase and had many difficulties to overcome. One wheat crop was destroyed when it was set on fire by the engine while threshing. With some assistance from his sons he finally pulled

out, and made a good living for himself. His prime purpose in coming to America was to see his sons established in this free land, and he lived to see them in a fair way to prosperity. He lived to the age of eighty, and for a number of years his youngest son had operated his own farm. His first wife was the mother of his children and died about 1879. He remained a widower some eight years, and then married Mrs. Sarah Donelson, widow of Andrew Donelson, of Pike County. The Donelson family had moved to Pike County from Monroe City, Missouri, about the time of the Civil war. Mr. Donelson later went east and died there. Sarah (Wilt) Donelson was born in Pennsylvania. She survived her second husband, Frank Hampsmire, about thirteen years, being eighty-three when she passed away. Her last years were spent in the home of her children, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hampsmire. Frank Hampsmire by his first marriage had the following children: Fred, who was a farmer and thresherman in Adams and Pike counties, his home being near Seehorn, but he died at the home of a daughter in Payson at the age of sixty-five. The second in age is Henry Hampsmire. William Hampsmire is a farmer at Seehorn in Adams County. August is a Pike County farmer. Ernest died when about twelve or thirteen years of age.

Henry Hampsmire lived at home and bore his share of responsibilities in making a farm for his father. On March 3, 1875, he married Jane Donelson, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Donelson, above mentioned, who afterwards became the wife of Mr. Frank Hampsmire. Mrs. Hampsmire was born in Marion County, Missouri, October 28, 1852, and grew to womanhood in Pike County, Illinois.

After his marriage Mr. Hampsmire secured a farm in Payson Township near his father's place, later selling that to Henry Smith and buying his father's old property. He built additional buildings, and was living there when the tragedy occurred which robbed him of his promising son, Charles Elmer. He and this son were working together gathering cane seed. The son was driving to shelter before an oncoming storm and was struck by a bolt of lightning from a small cloud and killed in his father's presence. The latter was so overcome by this tragedy that he was unable to live on the place longer and about 1906 he sold and came to his present place. This is the old Oscar Waggy farm of eighty acres about two miles east from his old farm. It had a good house, but Mr. Hampsmire has erected a large bank barn and many other improvements during the last twelve years. The land was sold at a public sale, having been bought in by Henry Hampsmire's son Walter. The land was greatly depreciated by successive cropping and Mr. Hampsmire has done much to build it up by keeping it in pasture for cattle and sheep. He has all the land well fenced, and it is now in a high class condition of fertility and productiveness. His building improvements include sheep and cattle barn, tool house, hog and chicken houses, and he has exercised much ingenuity and followed most approved modern plans in getting this building equipment suitable for the most efficient handling of stock. He breeds Duroc-Jersey hogs and his stock has served the good purpose to raise the standard of stock in the neighborhood. Mr. Hampsmire is a democrat but has never sought office.

A brief record of his children is as follows: Rosa died in childhood. Walter lives on a farm adjoining his father and married Miss Ethel Waggy, daughter of John Waggy, mentioned on other pages of this publication. Frank operates the home farm. The next was the son who was killed by lightning at the age of nineteen. A daughter of Mrs. Hampsmire's brother, Goldie Donelson, was taken into the Hampsmire home at the age of three and a half and lived there until her marriage to James Richmond of Quincy.

HENRY S. COOK was a farmer for many years, still owns a good farm in the county, but for a number of years has made his home in Payson Village, and six days in the week, irrespective of weather or other conditions, carries the mail over route No. 1 throughout the country.

Mr. Cook was born four miles east of Payson in Payson Township August



5, 1868. His parents were Alonzo T. and Susan (Wells) Cook, the former a native of New York State and the latter of Pennsylvania, but they were married in Adams County. Alonzo Cook came to this county as a youth with his parents. Grandfather Cook was one of the early settlers in Payson Township, and lived there until his death, when past ninety-two years of age. Henry S. Cook as a boy well remembers his grandfather. Alonzo Cook had two sisters: Mrs. Emma Hedges, who lived in Michigan; and Rhoda, who married Leonard Hoffman and spent her life in Burton Township. Alonzo Cook worked with his father, cleared up a large tract of timbered land, and eventually acquired the old homestead, a farm that has since been sold. He always enjoyed the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens and filled various offices, including that of supervisor. He was a democrat. He died in September, 1893, at the age of seventy-two. His widow survived him seventeen years, passing away in 1910, at the age of eighty. Eight of their children reached maturity: Jesse, who spent most of his life in the West and died when past sixty years of age; Chauncey, who lived in Adams County and died at the age of fifty-five; William, a resident of Denver, Colorado; Olive, who taught school in Adams County, was postmaster at Payson four years, and is still unmarried and living at Pomona, California; Talcott, a resident of Payson; Abner, a Payson Township farmer; Joy, widow of Frank Stratton, of St. Joseph, Missouri; and Henry S.

Henry S. Cook remained at home until after his father's death. On December 24, 1893, he married Miss Josephine Getzs, of Burton Township, daughter of Levi and Irene (Hancock) Getzs. Levi Getzs, a well known miller of the county, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, in 1836. His father moved to Newtown in Adams County, Illinois, in 1851 and was a miller by trade. Levi Getzs' parents were John and Harriet Getzs. Levi married in 1861 Miss Irene Hancock, who was born in 1846. In 1863 Levi Getzs embarked in the milling business on Mill Creek in Burton Township, and in 1873 moved the mill to Newtown, where he conducted a custom mill and made flour and ground feed for many years. He and his wife had five children: Isaac, William E., Annie E., Clara P. and Josephine.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook have a farm in Burton Township, and they lived on that and made their living from it for thirteen years. Since then Mr. Cook has rented his farm and has lived in the Village of Payson. For some time he did a considerable business in hauling, but for the past eight years has carried the mail over route No. 1. Mr. Cook is a democrat in politics. He and his wife have a neat home in the village. Mrs. Cook is authority for the statement that Mr. Cook's hobby is a Ford automobile.

CHRISTOPHER RUMP, whose home is in Payson Township, ten miles southeast of Quincy, is one of the enviable men of Adams County, enviable because of what he has done and achieved from a beginning of limited means and circumstances. He has reared a fine family, has provided home and education for them, and has a liberal competence with which to enjoy his own declining years.

Mr. Rump was born on a farm in Burton Township, 2½ miles northeast of Burton Village, February 6, 1855, son of Christopher and Sophia Rump. His parents came from Germany soon after their marriage. His father was a carpenter, and in Adams County settled on a tract of brush covered land, but did not have long in which to work out his destiny since he died before his son Christopher could remember him. The mother married again and died when Christopher was six or seven years of age. He was the only one of the two children who survived. Peter Rump, a brother of Christopher, Sr., also came to Adams County, and settled on land adjoining his brother, and died there in middle life. His son, John Rump, is the well known auctioneer of Quincy.

Christopher Rump's mother married for her second husband Christ Tennis. They lived on a farm in Burton Township and there Christopher Rump remained to the age of sixteen, when he moved to Payson Township, a mile east



and quarter of a mile north of his present home. His half-brother, Fred Tennis, now lives a mile southeast of Plainville. At the age of twenty-one Christopher began working at monthly wages. He kept that up for seven years, and all that time was in the employ of only two parties, John Rump and Fred Rump. He received from \$18 to \$20 a month for ten months of the year, but carefully saved his earnings, and finally had two horses as part of his equipment with which to begin farming on his own account. For nine years he rented land from his cousin, John Rump, in Burton Township. The first two years he ran \$200 behind. The seasons were poor, he had no wheat sown, and he lost all his hogs with cholera. The arrangement was that he should pay \$4 an acre cash rent for 160 acres, but after the disastrous experiences of the first year or so he arranged to rent on the share. After that the crops became more favorable and he made such progress that at the end of nine years he was able to buy his present property in 1893. This is the old home of Robert Kay, comprising 120 acres. Mr. Rump bought it for \$62.50 an acre, going in debt \$3,000. Later he added the 157-acre Perry farm, cornering his first place. The purchase price of this was \$92.50 an acre. There was a house on the farm when he bought it in 1893, but it has since been remodeled and rebuilt. A few weeks after he took possession the old barn was burned, and that was only the first of many losses and vicissitudes he had to sustain as an independent farmer. Again and again he lost his hogs by cholera, but has never given up that feature of his farming, and in recent years has sold from forty to sixty head every season. He also sells cattle direct from the grass. He has a fine body of land, all well improved and the soil carefully conserved by good management and proper rotation of crops and application of fertilizer. For many years he has made wheat a large crop. He rents land for wheat growing, fifty to sixty acres, and has had from sixty to seventy acres of corn and twenty to thirty acres of oats every year. He has never worked less than 240 acres for many years. For the past two years Mr. Rump has been content to shift the heaviest responsibilities to the shoulders of his sons, but still stays on the farm and has an active part in its management.

On March 5, 1884, Mr. Rump married Miss Mary Hunsacker, daughter of Alexander and Mary Elizabeth (Freeman) Hunsacker. Her mother was born in New York State. The Hunsackers were a prominent family here. Mr. Hunsacker was a blacksmith and miller, owned a distillery and carding mill and store and lived in Adams County until about thirty-four years ago. Mrs. Rump has the following sisters: Mrs. Lizzie Strathman; Mrs. Belle Meckes; Mrs. Dorinda Cleveland, of Chillicothe, Missouri; Frances McVeigh, of California; Gertrude Biggy, of Texas; Harriet, of Walla Walla, Washington; Anna, of Peoria, Illinois; and Deborah married Mr. Nash and died in Missouri. Mrs. Rump also has a brother, John Hunsacker, now living at Quincy, who for twenty-seven years was a locomotive fireman.

Mr. and Mrs. Rump have four children: Clarence K., is a city mail carrier in Quincy and married Marjorie Lehman; Archie Alexander is on his father's second farm, the old Perry place, and married Myrtle Nell Inman; Myrtle Gertrude is the wife of Stanley Inman, of Payson Township, and has one son, Stanley Rump Inman; Clara Delia, the youngest of the family, is a student in high school and in the opinion of her friends she is one of the most attractive, vivacious and blithesome young women of Adams County. Mr. Rump is a democrat in politics but has never sought public service or office of any kind. He was reared in the Lutheran Church and Mrs. Rump and sons are members of the Christian Church.

WILLIAM FRED KALTENBACH is proprietor of one of the fine farm homes in Burton Township, located a mile east of Newtown. He is living now in the same environment in which he grew up as a boy, and for over sixty years the Kaltensbachs have been among the prosperous, honest, industrious and capable people in that part of the county.

Mr. Kaltensbach was born in Burton Township February 19, 1871, son of

Alois and Anna Sabina (Saxey) Kaltenbach. Alois Kaltenbach was born in Baden, Germany, and at the age of sixteen came to Adams County with his parents, William and Syephana Kaltenbach. The grandparents secured a farm in Payson Township, and the grandfather died at the age of eighty-five. Alois remained at home with his parents until his marriage in 1865. He was then twenty-eight years of age and his bride eighteen. He had as his chief capital at the time of his marriage an extensive experience as a farm laborer. For one year he and his wife lived at the old home, and after that they rented until 1872 and then bought 160 acres in Burton Township, now owned by their youngest daughter, Rosina. Alois Kaltenbach also bought 158 acres additional, giving him almost a half section, but always kept as two farms. His second farm was the old William Rowe farm, and he rented this land to his oldest daughter for nine years, until 1897, when it was taken over by William Fred Kaltenbach. Alois Kaltenbach died April 10, 1917, at the age of seventy-eight. His wife died in 1911 at the age of sixty-eight. He was a democrat in politics and for many years attended St. Bridget's Catholic Church at Liberty, but had formerly been a member in St. Anthony's Church in Melrose Township. He donated liberally towards the churches. Several of the family are buried in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Alois Kaltenbach and wife had four children: Amelia, Mrs. Theodore Meyer, living on a farm in Burton Township; Anna, wife of John Ormond, a farmer in Liberty Township; William F.; and Rosina, wife of Albert Meyer, on the old Kaltenbach farm.

William F. Kaltenbach grew up on the old homestead, attended the local schools, and on March 2, 1897, married Elizabeth Flick, daughter of Andrew and Marie (Lambert) Flick, of Richfield Township. Her parents now live in Liberty Township. Mrs. Kaltenbach was born October 9, 1874. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Kaltenbach at once located on the second farm of his father, running it for ten years, but he now owns it and forty acres additional, and in the fall of 1918 he bought forty-three acres adjoining, giving him a large and well proportioned place of 241 acres. When his father bought the land it had a house on it, but this house was added to by his father and the son has built additional rooms, and also two large barns. He devotes his land to general farming and keeps from twenty to twenty-five head of cattle. Mr. and Mrs. Kaltenbach are members of St. Bridget's Catholic Church. Their children, four in number, and all at home, are Loretta M., Alois A., Anna Viola and Albert William.

JAMES B. COOK is the present supervisor of Burton Township. He is also a farmer, a large land owner, and has been successfully identified with agricultural enterprise most of his life. Mr. Cook has three sons who are serving their country in the uniform of United States soldiers.

Most of his life has been spent in Adams County, but he was born at Fort Madison, Iowa, October 27, 1860, son of James J. and Dorothy C. (Brown) Cook. His father was a native of England. His mother was born in Quincy, daughter of David Brown, a native of Bavaria, Germany. David Brown at one time drove a stage between Quincy and Alton. James J. Cook was a wagon maker by trade and had a shop at Fort Madison, Iowa, from 1861 until 1867. He then came to Adams County and settled on a farm two miles east of Adams postoffice and sixteen miles southeast of Quincy. He bought eighty acres of improved land and made much of this farm in the way of further improvements before he died. The substantial house which he erected is still used. The farm is now owned by his daughter, Mrs. Martha Sinnock, of Quincy. James J. Cook died March 27, 1896, at the age of fifty-eight. His widow survived him about five years, passing away at the age of sixty. James J. Cook was a republican voter but never aspired to holding public office. He contributed liberally of his means to the support of church and other worthy causes. His family consisted of the following children: Mary, who died as the wife of John Reed, of Burton Township; Martha, Mrs. Edwin Sinnock, of



Quincy; Emma, wife of John Hunsaker, of Chicago; Blanche, who died unmarried at the age of twenty; Bertha, who is unmarried and is living in Chicago with her sister; Edward Theodore, a thresherman and rancher at Three Forks, Montana; James B.; and Harris, who died in childhood.

James B. Cook lived at home until he was twenty-one years of age. During that time he attended the common schools and for a brief period of six months worked in a book store, but otherwise his life has been identified with the open country and with agricultural enterprise. He rented a farm until he married, at the age of twenty-four, Miss Sarah Winget, of Burton Township, daughter of William Winget, whose home was near the Cooks. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are of the same age and grew up as schoolmates. After their marriage they lived five years on a farm adjoining Quincy, for three years were farmers in Shelby County, Missouri, and about twenty-five years ago returned to Adams County and bought their present place, which adjoins the old Cook homestead. Here Mr. Cook owns eighty acres of well improved land, and he is also operating the old homestead and handling both farms productively and with very gratifying returns.

Mr. Cook was first elected to his office as supervisor of Burton Township in 1913. He is now serving on his third two-year term. In his official capacity he directly superintended the building of the Town Hall in the center of the township, and has also been interested in the construction of concrete bridges and culverts throughout this part of the county. He is a director of his home school and as a republican has been delegate to various congressional conventions and member of party committees. Mrs. Cook is a member of the Baptist Church.

Their oldest child, Grace L., died at the age of twenty-one, having taught school in this county four years. Mamie A. was also a teacher in the county, but is now the wife of J. A. Pullman, of Burton Township. Charles is serving with the colors, sergeant in a regiment of heavy artillery with the Expeditionary Forces in France. Howard died in infancy. Frank L. is with an ambulance corps in France. Russell L. is also a soldier in France. The son Henry died in infancy. Aubrey and Clarence both had two years in high school and are now assisting their father on the farm. Robert, the youngest is still a school-boy.

**SAMUEL S. HARKNESS.** This history of Adams County is being published just ninety-five years after the first member of the Harkness family located here. Their first settlement was in Fall Creek Township, and in that community both his father and grandfather lived. Samuel S. Harkness has spent most of the years of his life in Burton Township, with enduring honor and with that esteem which is paid a man faithful to duty, hard working, and a conscientious citizen. Mr. S. S. Harkness' home is seventeen miles southeast of Quincy.

His birth occurred in Fall Creek Township January 21, 1850. His parents were Loren and Sarah (Tibbitts) Harkness. The grandfather, and the pioneer in this county, was Ebenezer Harkness, who was born in the State of Maine about 1785. He came to Adams county and settled in Fall Creek Township in 1824. Two of his brothers also came to the county. Ebenezer Harkness at one time kept a tavern near the Mississippi River, where a ferryboat transported passengers across the river, and he also drove a stage between Quincy and Atlas and Naples. Ebenezer Harkness had three sons: Lyman, who married Mary Avis and lived in Hancock County, where he died in advanced years; Loren; and Daniel, who never married and died at the age of fifty. A daughter, Laura, married Willard Keyes, a well known pioneer citizen of Quincy.

Loren Harkness was born at Springfield in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1816. He married, October 8, 1840, Sarah Tibbitts, who was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, September 7, 1818. Loren Harkness died April 15, 1865, and his widow survived him thirty years almost to the day, dying April



14, 1895. After his marriage Loren Harkness lived at home with his father, operating the old farm, and in 1860 moved to Burton Township and acquired the land now owned by his son, Samuel S. Ebenezer Harkness also lived here until his death in 1863, at the age of seventy-eight. Ebenezer Harkness was a member of the first grand jury in Adams County. He voted as a whig and later as a republican.

Sarah Tibbitts, mother of Samuel S. Harkness, was a daughter of Samuel, a granddaughter of David and Betsy (Wright) Tibbitts. David Tibbitts was a son of Samuel and Sobriety (Drew) Tibbitts, and Samuel's father was Joshua Tibbitts, who came to America about 1685 and settled at Dover in Stafford County, New Hampshire. Sarah Tibbitts lost her parents when she was a child and she came to Adams County with her aunt and uncle, John and Betsy Bean, who located in Fall Creek Township. Loren Harkness did not live long after coming to Burton Township, but did much in that time to clear up and improve his farm. He was only forty-nine when he died. He had seven children: Oscar, who enlisted at the age of eighteen in the Seventy-eighth Illinois Infantry, saw active service until the close of the war, and is now living in an old soldiers' home in California; Samuel S.; Eugene Bell, a farmer at Lakin, Kansas; and James Edward, who died March 20, 1900, at Quincy. These were the sons of Loren Harkness and wife.

Samuel S. Harkness was fifteen years of age when his father died. His brother Oscar on returning from the army took charge of the old farm, and Samuel S. Harkness had the privilege of the local schools of Camp Point and Payson. At the age of twenty-two he married Elizabeth Rhodes Young, who was born in Orange County, Virginia, May 20, 1851. They lived happily together for over thirty years, until Mrs. Harkness passed away April 5, 1905. She had come to Adams County as a child with her parents, Columbus L. and Nancy Young, who settled in Burton Township and later lived on a farm adjoining that of the Harknesses. Before his marriage S. S. Harkness had taken charge of the old homestead, after his brother Oscar moved out to Kansas to become a homesteader. He has looked after that farm ever since, his mother living with him, and at her death he bought out the interests of the other heirs. The old homestead comprised 155 acres and he still owns all of it except five acres. This is a well improved and valuable farm, productive of all the staple crops and grain, and Mr. Harkness has always raised and grown a number of stock. He served as school director about fifteen years, and as a republican has allowed his name to go on the ticket a number of times as candidate, though the democratic majority in that township has always been very strong. Mr. and Mrs. Harkness were very active members of the Baptist Church at Newtown, and he served as superintendent of the Sunday school for ten or twelve years. Since the death of his wife he has lived rather retired and not been so closely identified with the church and other affairs as formerly. Mr. Harkness has always been a peace loving man, and has never had a law suit. However, he is familiar with court procedure, since he has sat on a number of local juries and on grand juries. He has been connected with the County Farm Improvement Association.

Mr. Harkness had five children: Oscar T. is connected with the Fairbanks-Morse Company at Portland, Oregon. The daughter Lucy died in infancy. Herbert is a farmer in Burton Township and married Lena Wells. William is the manager of the homestead farm and married Mary Meyer, of Burton Township. They have three children, Margaret Elizabeth, Wilfred and Harold. William Harkness was for five or six years a rural mail carrier, but is now giving all his time to general farming and the raising of good cattle and hogs. Columbus Loren, the youngest of the children, is a graduate of the Payson High School, took the full course of mechanical engineering in the Illinois State University, but instead of following his profession entered Young Men's Christian Association work as general secretary at Lincoln, Nebraska, also performed similar duties at Louisville, Kentucky, but is now in-

spector for the Prudential Insurance Company at Louisville. He married Mabel Knight, of Decatur, Illinois.

FRANK KARL GLEICHMANN. During the dozen years he was a resident of Quincy Frank Karl Gleichmann was a successful and progressive merchant, and altogether a citizen whose memory is gratefully recalled by a large circle of friends. He was German born and fought for the Union in this country as a Union soldier.

He was born in Saxony, Germany, March 1, 1837, and died at Quincy May 27, 1889. His parents were Gottlieb and Elizabeth (Kern) Gleichmann. His parents spent their lives in Saxony. His father died there when Frank K. was a boy and the mother married a second husband. Frank K. Gleichmann was fourteen years old when he left home and set out for the New World, coming from Hamburg on a sailing vessel to New York. In New York he joined an uncle at West Hoboken. That was about the time the horse car line was put in operation to New York City. Soon afterward Mr. Gleichmann took up and learned the trade of tailor and subsequently was employed in the finishing department of the Steinway Brothers piano works. That was the employment from which he was called at the outbreak of the war to serve as a soldier. He enlisted in the Fifth New York Infantry, and saw much hard service, including the great Atlanta campaign. He was captured in one of the battles, was sent to a Confederate prison at the old Fair Grounds at Raleigh, North Carolina, and was kept there nine months, being fed on a poor quality of pork and beans and in such meager rations that he was more dead than alive when he was released and sent north with the Union lines. As returning health and strength permitted he resumed his trade in New York and Philadelphia. On account of continued failing health he came west and located on a farm in Lewis County, Missouri, near Canton. The open life of the farm brought him restored health and strength and in the spring of 1877 he located at Quincy and entered the grocery business with a store on Seventh Street. At the corner of Seventh and Oak streets he built a large building, with a store on the first floor and his own home above. It was in that home that he spent his last days. He was a man of great industry, very capable in handling business affairs, and his qualities of thrift laid the foundation of his ample competence. He was a Lincoln republican and a member of the Lutheran church.

In New York City Mr. Gleichmann married Miss Frederica A. Becker. She was born in Germany September 16, 1848. She was a small girl when her mother died and her father, Carl Johan Becker, married a second wife and became a wealthy market man in Germany. The Beckers were a Lutheran family. Mrs. Gleichmann was the oldest of her mother's children. She was fifteen when she came to the United States. Miss Becker made the trip alone from Hamburg, Germany, being eight weeks on the ocean. She joined some relatives in New York, and lived there, working for her living, until her marriage. Her sister Amelia afterwards came to the United States and married a Mr. Mayer, and now lives on Staten Island and is the mother of two daughters, Pauline and Amelia, the latter a teacher. Another sister was Agnes, who also came to this country, and died leaving two sons, Albert and Karl.

Mrs. Gleichmann became the mother of two sons, Karl A., who died at the age of eight months, and Henry B. Henry B. Gleichmann was born in Lewis County, Missouri, November 26, 1869. He was seven years of age when brought to Quincy, and in this city he grew up and received his education in the Lutheran parochial and public schools, and in the Gem City Business College. After the death of his father he continued the business, and very successfully until 1915. He and his mother own some valuable property in Quincy and Mr. Gleichmann is a director in the Quincy Stove Manufacturing Company and has many interests to claim his time and attention. He is a member of Herman



Frank Gleichmann  
Friederike A. Gleichmann.





Blue Lodge of Masons and his mother is a member of Alpha Chapter No. 109, Eastern Star, and both are devout members of the Lutheran church.

ABRAHAM H. D. BUTTZ. More of the real history of Liberty Village can be told in the experiences and fortunes of the Buttz family than can be obtained from any other source. Abraham H. D. Buttz was formerly called Junior in order to distinguish him from his father. Both of them have been prominent in connection with every movement and event in the history of Liberty Village. In fact nothing of importance there has ever occurred without the support of this family. For the last year or so Mr. Buttz has been totally blind, but despite such handicap seems to enjoy life, possesses a happy disposition and is not only fond of the society of friends but his many friends constantly seek him out. He still possesses all the powers of intellect which have distinguished him in former years.

His father, A. H. D. Buttz, Sr., was born August 13, 1809, in Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Jacob Buttz, his grandfather, was a soldier in the War of the Revolution and was in Washington's army during the historic crossing of the Delaware River just before the battle of Trenton. Michael R. Buttz, father of A. H. D. Buttz, was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, moved from there to Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and was a miller and merchant and at one time represented his county in the Legislature. He was a democrat.

A. H. D. Buttz was educated at Nazareth, Pennsylvania, partly under the instruction of Moravian teachers. In 1831 he set out on foot from Pennsylvania to seek a permanent home and location. His journey's end brought him to Adams County, and three miles east of Liberty he hired out to Captain Pierce. Together they built a house and soon opened a little store. Paris T. Judy sold lots at Liberty, but the land was owned by a Kentuckian named Talbot, whose son-in-law, A. W. Dudley, laid out the town. In 1835 Mr. Buttz secured some ground there, and built a store on the present site of the brick store which was for so long under the ownership of the Buttz family. In 1850 Mr. Buttz erected the present brick store. It stood on the site occupied by the frame store erected in 1835. In the same year he put up a dwelling house, which is still in use. A. H. D. Buttz, Jr., was born in that home. Just across the street from the store D. P. Meacham built one of the first residences and opened a butcher shop and a small stock of merchandise. On September 13, 1835, A. H. D. Buttz married Miss Mary E. Meacham, daughter of D. P. Meacham, just mentioned. She was born in Ohio July 3, 1819, and was brought to Adams County by her parents in 1829. The Meacham family came to this county by way of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and settled in section 20, Liberty Township, just across the road from where A. H. D. Buttz now lives. It was in a log house on that farm that A. H. D. Buttz, Sr., and wife were married. D. P. Meacham, like many of the early pioneers, was rather too liberal in his potations. After his wife's death he spent some time with his son-in-law, Mr. Buttz. At that time the latter was trying to make a farm. Mr. Meacham was also very fond of talking and one day was requested by Mr. Buttz not to annoy his workmen. He became very angry and left home and was never heard of again by his family.

Mr. Buttz, Sr., continued the business of his store until about 1856, when he was succeeded by Meacham & Karns, his sons-in-law. They were succeeded by Buttz Brothers, comprising M. R. and A. H. D. Buttz, Jr. M. R. Buttz left the firm to enlist in the Civil war and the business was carried on by his brother. In 1865 P. H. Mercer, who also married one of the daughters of Mr. Buttz, Sr., became a partner in the store and continued until 1877. After that for several years it was continued by W. H. Meacham, a son of D. P. Meacham, who conducted it until 1880. At that time this business, after a continuous operation of forty-five years practically in one family, was discontinued.

A. H. D. Buttz, Sr., died in September, 1883, when past seventy-four years

of age. His home had been in Liberty Township and Liberty Village since 1835. He acquired 160 acres just east of the village, and in 1847 built on it a substantial brick house which is still standing and is in the southern part of the village. The land was all prairie and he hired men to improve it while he looked after his business as a merchant. Much of his money he invested in land and at one time had between 1,000 and 1,200 acres of land in Adams County, and property in Quincy and in Kansas. He began voting as a whig and afterwards was a staunch republican. He was the first postmaster of the Village of Liberty, establishing the postoffice in his store. He held the office for thirteen years, until there occurred a change of political administration. He was very popular in a township where most of the voters were democratic, and he was one of the two men who in the early days voted the opposition ticket to the democrats. That was before the day of the secret ballot, and all voting was done viva voce. Mr. Buttz was reared a Presbyterian, but always supported denominations without special respect to creed. His widow survived him and lived to the age of ninety years. She was blind and helpless in her last years and lived at the home of her daughter Mrs. Almeron Wheat at Quincy.

A. H. D. Buttz, Sr., and wife had eleven children, seven of whom reached maturity. Michael R. graduated from the Northwestern Christian University in Indiana, was a lawyer by profession, practicing at Quincy, served as a soldier through the Civil war, went out to Kansas and died there in 1875, at the age of thirty-six. Mary died at Liberty at the age of sixty-seven, the wife of P. H. Mercer, who died February 9, 1919. The next in age is A. H. D. Buttz, Jr. John W. is a resident of Liberty. Jesse S. died on the old original Meacham farm at Liberty in April, 1916, his widow still living at the homestead. Mira resides at 835 Cedar Street in Quincy, widow of Almeron Wheat, formerly a prominent attorney.

Abraham H. D. Buttz was born at Liberty November 21, 1843. He has spent all his life within eighty rods of the place where he was born. On November 9, 1865, he married Hattie Foster, daughter of A. M. and Mary (Griswold) Foster, of Burton Township. She was born in that township in September, 1843. Her parents came from New York City, where her father was a cabinet maker and expert mechanic.

After his marriage Mr. Buttz began housekeeping in Liberty and in March, 1885, moved to his present home farm just north of the village. Part of the house and barns were built by his father and he subsequently enlarged and improved them. He has eighty acres in that tract and forty acres three quarters of a mile north. From 1885 his attention was steadily directed to farming until about eight years ago. Mr. Buttz sold his interest in the old store in 1876. In 1877 he built a mill and conducted it until 1881, when, on account of adverse circumstances caused by competition of larger mills, he sold out.

Mr. Buttz in 1882 took charge of his father's affairs, managing the farms and other properties, and upon his father's death a year later was appointed administrator with his mother to settle the estate. This trust he executed with splendid judgment and integrity. All the work was done to the satisfaction of parties concerned without the intervention of the Probate Court, a fact the more notable when it is remembered that the Buttz estate was the largest in Liberty Township, valued at more than \$100,000, the real estate alone being worth more than \$80,000. Mr. Buttz has since been called upon to settle several other estates.

While his political record is brief, Mr. Buttz has an especially enviable distinction in one respect. He is notary public, and received his first commission in January, 1865, from the war governor, Richard Yates. He has been notary public under every governor since that time, and there is probably not another notary public in Illinois whose official authority runs back further and more continuously. Mr. Buttz has been called upon by his friends and neighbors to prepare and draw up most of the legal documents in his part of the county. Legal papers with his seal and signature have entered into the records



of the United States Government and in the records of every state and even in many foreign countries. Not one of them has ever been abrogated by any court. A Quincy attorney says that Mr. Buttz' name as notary public occurs twenty-five times in the transfer of one piece of property.

He has always been a republican, though independent in local matters. His name was several times placed on the county ticket, and he was elected a justice of the peace in a democratic township. Mr. Buttz has been a member of the Masonic Order since December, 1864, and is the oldest living member of Liberty Lodge, No. 380. He took his first degrees in that lodge and has been representative to the Grand Lodge several times. He is a Royal Arch Mason at Clayton. As a member and official of Liberty Lodge he has been present at the initiation of every member during the past fifty-five years. Mr. Buttz united with the Christian Church under Elder H. R. Trickett fifty years ago, and is a faithful and loyal member of that denomination.

Mr. Buttz lost his first wife in March, 1879. She was the mother of three children. They were Clarence G., Ada and Lewis. The last named died in infancy. Ada, born March 12, 1874, was a very talented and proficient musician. She had attended high school and normal school and at one time taught school. Her death was a tragedy to her family and cut short a brilliant career. She had gone to the assistance of her landlady who was filling a reservoir with gasoline. The gasoline took fire and she was burned to death. She died April 22, 1899.

Clarence G. Buttz, only living child of Mr. Buttz, now lives in the old home at Liberty. Besides his success in material affairs he is a very competent musician, a cornetist, had been a band leader and is master of several instruments, including the piano. Clarence G. Buttz married in 1890 Bertha Hunsacker. Their son, Albert D. Buttz, grandson of Mr. Buttz, is one of the young men on Adams County's roll of honor in the great war. When he was drafted he waived exemption, and was in the second lot of men sent from the county to Fort Dodge. He had married in 1916 Miss Gertie Daniels. Before the war broke out he was a rural mail carrier, and when granted leave of absence from that service to enlist his father took his place and has been distributing the mail along his route. Mrs. Albert D. Buttz during the absence of her husband in the army has been teaching near East St. Louis.

Albert D. Buttz was sent to France in May, 1918, and almost immediately was put at the front along the River Marne. He was a member of the One Hundred and Fortieth Regiment, composed of Missouri National Guard troops. This regiment was part of the Thirty-Fifth Division, whose record stands out so conspicuously in the great turning battle which marked the fortunes of the allied troops in the summer of 1918. Young Buttz was subsequently transferred to the band as a musician, but the transfer was not effective, owing to the demand for fighters at the front, and at last report he had never joined the band. For thirty days at one time he was in the trenches, and he was one of the American boys who participated in the real fighting which drove the Germans back.

On March 23, 1882, Mr. A. H. D. Buttz married Fannie B. Jones. She was reared in Quincy, but after ten years of age her home was in Liberty Township. Mrs. Buttz died January 23, 1912.

CHARLES HENRY CLARK is owner of the old Clark homestead in Liberty Township, known as the Dividing Ridge Farm. The farm is a valuable business proposition, conducted in a business like manner by its proprietor, and has many associations with the interests and the people of that community.

In the present house on the old farm Charles Henry Clark was born February 6, 1863. He is a son of Robert J. and Eliza (Fuqua) Clark. His mother was born in Kentucky, but as a child was taken to Missouri by her parents, and she grew up and lived until marriage in Pike County. Robert J. Clark was

born near Richmond, Virginia, on the James River, and as a youth he worked as an overseer on a Virginia plantation. He also went when young with his parents to Pike County, Missouri, locating near Frankford. The grandparents all died in Pike County. About 1848 Robert J. Clark with his two sons, the oldest only two or three years old, came to Adams County. His wife's brother, James Fuqua, and her three sisters were already living in the county. The three sisters were: Sallie, Mrs. Arthur Scott, who spent the rest of her life in Adams County; Lucy, then Mrs. Robert Bailey, later Mrs. T. Carter and still later Mrs. George Cutforth, also died in this county; and Patsy, who was at that time Mrs. T. Carter, and she also died in the county. James Fuqua afterward moved to Missouri.

On coming to Adams County Robert J. Clark acquired a part of the present home farm. It was in timber, not more than twenty acres being in cultivation. He spent the rest of his life on that 110 acres and also had forty acres a short distance away. Part of the present house was already there, a structure of hewed frame timbers. He rebuilt it, and also built a horse barn. He was a hard working and prosperous farmer, a man of intelligence who read widely and kept in close touch with local affairs. He had been reared a democrat, but through his admiration for Abraham Lincoln changed parties. He was a member of the Liberty Christian Church. His death occurred February 2, 1898, in his seventy-ninth year. His wife died June 12, 1885, at the age of sixty. Of their eleven children ten reached maturity: Julian Kenyon, who spent his life on a farm and died at the age of fifty years, his widow still surviving and having married again; James Richard, a farmer on part of the old Clark estate; Sarah Ann, Mrs. Mark Kinder, of Alaska, Missouri; Mary Ann, twin sister of Sarah Ann, who has never married and has spent her life at the old home; Lucy Jane, who married Tom Cochran, of Pike County, Illinois, and died there when young; Martha Elizabeth, widow of Izri Mayfield, of Beverly, Adams County; Nancy Ellen, who married William Carson and died in Liberty Township; Charles Henry; Lura Frances, Mrs. Ive Cutforth, of Burton Township; and Susan Lovina, who was the first wife of Ive Cutforth.

Charles Henry Clark has always been a farmer since he was old enough to handle the tools and instruments of farming. He took charge of the old homestead after his mother's death. He has increased his holdings from 110 acres to 200 acres, all in a body and well improved and most of it in cultivation. A cattle barn has been added under his ownership. He keeps high grade stock, and every season markets a bunch of good hogs.

September 26, 1895, he married Miss Mary S. Heberlein, a sister of August Heberlein. She was born October 28, 1866, at the Heberlein homestead, now occupied by her brother August. She is a daughter of August and Louise (Koeller) Heberlein, both of whom came from Lippe-Detmold, Germany. They brought with them to this country one child, and also a child of the mother's first marriage. August Heberlein, Sr., was a butcher by trade. He did farm work, rented for a time in Pike County, and finally located on the home farm in 1866. He took a tract of raw timber land and converted it into a well cultivated property. He had 150 acres in the home farm and altogether owned about 340 acres in Liberty Township along Camp Creek. The present home on that farm was built by him. About 1888 he retired from the farm and spent his last years at Quincy. Mrs. Clark was reared on the farm and in Quincy, and lived there until she became the wife of Mr. Clark, with whom she had been a childhood playmate. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have two children, Mabel Lovina and Iven Ellis, both at home.

Mr. Clark is a democratic voter, is a member of the Woodmen's Camp at Liberty and of the Pleasant View Baptist Church. A number of well known business and professional men of Quincy know the Clark home because of the keen interest of its proprietor in fox hunting. Mr. Clark has a bunch of fox hounds, and takes the keenest interest in that old English sport.



COMMODORE PERRY JOHNSON, now living retired at Liberty Village, is an example of a man who made his real success in life after passing middle age. For many years he struggled along as a renter, making a living for his family, but only about twenty years ago did he acquire his first land. Since then he has developed a large and well improved farm in Liberty Township, and has seen most of his children well established in homes of their own.

Mr. Johnson was born near Toledo, Ohio, June 8, 1849. His parents were Joel and Christina (Blubach) Johnson, both of Pennsylvania. A few months after the birth of the son Commodore the parents moved to the vicinity of Philadelphia, Marion County, Missouri. There Joel Johnson died when his son was five or six years old. The mother afterward married Joshua Pyles. Mr. Pyles was a republican, and when the Civil war came on he was informed that his presence was no longer desired in that section of Missouri. They therefore went across the Mississippi to Adams County and settled a mile and a half north of Coatsburg, where they rented a small farm. Later Mr. Pyles bought a place in Columbus Township, and lived there until his death, at the age of seventy-five. His widow was a well preserved woman even to the end, passing away in her eighty-eighth year. Her children by her first marriage comprised three who died in infancy, two losing their lives by being burned in Ohio. Elijah, Jerry and Joel were all soldiers in the Civil war, Elijah serving throughout the war and now living in Arkansas. Jerry and Joel were members of the same company and both died of measles at Nashville. The next in age is Commodore P. Amanda died in childhood and Richard is a resident of Columbus Township. Rebecca Pyles, of her mother's second marriage, married Bruce Carr, and died in Adams County; Samson Pyles is a railroad engineer living in Milan, Missouri.

Commodore P. Johnson was about fourteen years old when he came to Adams County. He grew up here and at the age of nineteen married Mary Ellen Rowsey, who was then twenty years of age. She was born in Liberty Township, daughter of John and Sarah (Lierle) Rowsey. Her father was a native of Virginia, moved west to Ohio and later to Illinois, and married in Columbus Township of this county. Mrs. Johnson's mother was of the pioneer Lierle family so frequently mentioned in these pages. There were ten children in the Rowsey family, and six are still living: Samuel W., a bachelor, living with Mr. and Mrs. Johnson; William Seaton, of Montana; Sarah, Mrs. Thomas Viar, of Fowler, Adams County; Lucinda, wife of Lewis Phillips, of Columbus Township; John Henry, of Quincy; and Mrs. Johnson.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Johnson rented a farm and for nearly thirty years was a renter in Columbus and Liberty townships. There were many things that held them back on the road to prosperity. There were periods of financial distress, low prices for everything raised, and Mrs. Johnson frequently sold eggs as low as three cents a dozen. There was much hard work, and through it all was the strenuous necessity of economy. Their first purchase of land was twenty acres of brush in Columbus Township. Later they bought seventy acres of partly cleared land in Liberty Township. Mr. Johnson went in debt for this land, and lived in a log house. He sold his first purchase and bought a farm of 148 acres in Columbus Township. After improving that he sold and bought 228 acres in Liberty Township and later another eighty acres adjoining. Much of this was covered with brush, but it has been developed as a good farm of 308 acres. He has greatly improved the place, and the house, now a modern residence, comprises an original log house sturdily constructed of solid timbers that seem likely to last for several generations. The plates of this building were hauled to Quincy twenty miles away to have holes bored in order to attach timbers for a porch roof. Mr. Johnson continued active on the farm until 1913, still owns it, but since then has lived in the Village of Liberty. He has never sought public office, is a democratic voter, and is a member of the Church of the Brethren.

The record of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson's children is as follows: Emma Edith, wife of John Clary, of Liberty Township; Lovina, wife of William Baker, of



Kansas; Sarah Christina, wife of Kel Akers, of Payson Township; Joshua Marion, of Oklahoma; Mary Rosilla, Mrs. Ira Akers, of Liberty Township; Minnie Alice, who married John Sheffeldecker, of Hancock County, Illinois; Olive May, wife of Norman Blentlinger, of Liberty Township; Roy E., of Columbus Township; Commodore Perry, Jr., of Quincy; and Harry Ralph, of Liberty Village.

JACOB SCHRADER. While his home for a number of years has been in the Village of Liberty, Mr. Schrader has been well known in several of the farming communities of Adams County, and in early life was one of the proprietors of a threshing outfit which went all over the country districts of the county.

Mr. Schrader was born in Melrose Township December 25, 1855. His father, Theodore Schrader, was born in Germany and when a young man came to Adams County with his two brothers. All of them located in Melrose Township and spent the rest of their years in that locality. Theodore Schrader married Barbara Wolf, daughter of Jacob Wolf. Her brother, William Wolf, is the father of Martin Wolf, who is still a well known resident of Melrose Township. Barbara was the youngest of the Wolf children. She was born in Kentucky and was brought to Adams County by her parents at the age of three years. The Wolf family settled on Mill Creek, and the old homestead was near the Stone Bridge on the Quincy-Payson road. Mrs. Barbara Schrader inherited a portion of the Wolf estate, and this was involved in an interesting chancery proceedings. Mrs. Schrader's children did not realize their respective shares in their mother's portion of the Wolf estate for about thirty-five years, and then each of them got only the amount of the original share without subsequent accretions or earnings.

Theodore Schrader after his marriage settled on the Wolf farm and finally bought it. He died there when about forty years of age. He and his wife had four children: Frederick, Jacob, Henry and Sophia. Frederick is a farmer in Liberty Township, Henry is in the same township, and Sophia is the wife of Philip Hoehne, of Chicago. About twelve or fourteen years after her husband's death Barbara Schrader married William Manigold. They and her children then moved to Liberty Township, where they had a rented farm, and afterwards lived in Richfield and Payson townships. Mr. and Mrs. Manigold spent their last days in Liberty Village, where both died when about seventy-four years of age. Barbara Schrader by her second marriage had the following children: William Manigold, of Liberty Township; John, a farmer in Richfield Township; Louis, of Quincy; Louisa, Mrs. George Zander, of Quincy; and Lottie, Mrs. Levi Lawrence, of Payson.

Jacob Schrader lived at home with his mother until he was about twenty-six years of age. In the meantime he had been associated with his brother Fred and his stepfather in operating a threshing outfit. Fred Schrader was in this business for a number of years, continuing it after Jacob retired. At the age of twenty-six Jacob Schrader married Lydia Michel, of Richfield Township, daughter of Henry Michel. Mrs. Schrader was born near Plainville in Payson Township and was twenty years of age at the time of her marriage. Having sold his interests in the threshing outfit Mr. Schrader had a small amount of cash with which to begin married life. For ten years he rented in the townships of Liberty, Richfield and Burton, and then bought fifty acres a half mile south and east of Liberty. He paid \$2,400 for this farm, assuming a debt of about \$600. He bought forty acres adjoining for \$800 and another thirty acres adjoining on the west for \$1,400. This gave him approximately 115 acres, which he made into a first class farm, remodeling and rebuilding the houses and introducing other improvements from time to time. In 1908 Mr. Schrader sold this farm for \$7,000. Since then his home has been in the Village of Liberty, where he has a neat home with a number of improvements. For several years he followed teaming, taking goods to Quincy and returning with mer-

chandise for the local business. For the past six years, however, he has lived retired.

He is a democrat, and a member of the Zion Lutheran Church at Liberty. He and his wife have two children: Edward William, who lived on the home farm to the age of twenty-one, and is now a dealer in electrical supplies at El Paso, Texas. Dora Caroline is Mrs. Arthur Goertz of Camp Point.

**JOHN M. LEAPLEY.** The Leapley family have been residents of Adams County since pioneer days, contain a number of interesting personalities, and are people who have always earned their share of community esteem by their straightforward character and worthy achievements.

Now living retired at Liberty Village, John M. Leapley was born at Kellerville, McKee Township of Adams County, February 21, 1865. His parents were Henry C. and Clarissa (Hughes) Leapley. Henry C. Leapley was born in Ohio in January, 1829, and died in July, 1911, in his eighty-third year. His parents were John and Elizabeth Leapley. They came to Adams County in 1841, first locating in Concord Township, and in 1865 moving to McKee Township. The Leapley family is a large and prominent one back in Ohio, and there are family reunions every year at Sidney in that state. This branch of the family lost connection with the Ohio branch until a few years ago. A brother of John M. Leapley, George William, while living in Nebraska met an old lady from Ohio who knew members of the Ohio branch. In 1915 John M. Leapley attended a family reunion at Sidney and met and ate with sixty-five of his relatives.

When John Leapley, Sr., came to Adams County he settled a mile north of Kellerville, where he cleared up a farm. He died there about 1875. He had served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and his widow, who survived him for some years, received a pension for those services. Henry C. Leapley was about twelve years of age when he was brought to Adams County. In 1850 he married Miss Clarissa Hughes. She was born in Liberty Township October 16, 1830, daughter of John Hughes. The old Hughes home was a mile east of Liberty. Mrs. Clarissa Leapley died October 11, 1903.

At the time of his marriage Henry C. Leapley began farming on eighty acres in Liberty Township, but soon removed to McKee Township, where his son John M. was born. There he cleared up a tract of wooded land and sold large quantities of railroad ties. He lived there until old age and then spent his last days with his son John. He never held a public office but was a republican voter. He was laid to rest in the Grady Cemetery in McKee Township. He and his wife had nine children, one of whom died in childhood. The others were: Thomas O., a farmer at Mount Pulaski, Illinois; Albert T., a retired farmer in Nebraska; Frances E., Mrs. James Conrad, of Williamsville, Illinois; Mary Jane, who died in Missouri in middle life, the wife of John Caldwell; George William, a Nebraska farmer; Laura, who died at the age of sixteen; John M.; and Vina, wife of George Hocker, of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

John M. Leapley has spent practically all his life on a farm in McGee, Liberty Township. At the age of twenty-two he married Miss Anna Groves of McKee Township. She was then twenty years of age. At the time of their marriage they moved to Trenton, Missouri, where Mrs. Leapley died three months later. He then returned to Illinois and two years later married Lizzie Dennis, of Brown County, Illinois, and she was twenty-two at her marriage and died eleven years later, the mother of three children, Lena, Jessie and Henry. Lena was ten years of age at the time of her mother's death. Mr. Leapley had a housekeeper for his children for four years, after which the whole responsibility for the rearing of the younger children devolved upon the daughter Lena, who deserves the greatest credit for her noble efforts in their behalf. She was for eight years a successful teacher in the rural schools of Adams County, and completed her own education in the Macomb Normal.

On December 29, 1908, Mr. Leapley married for his present wife Maud



(House) Johnson, also of Brown County, Illinois. Her maiden name was Coleman, but she and her only brother when small children were placed in a home, and she was finally adopted by J. B. House. She lost all trace of her brother. At the age of thirteen Mrs. Leapley came to Siloam with her adopted father, who was a Methodist minister and who conducted a hotel at Siloam some years. He finally died at Godfrey, Illinois, where he had a church. Mrs. Leapley by her previous marriage to Mr. Johnson had four children: Faye, William, Clara and Helen. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Leapley are Esther, Russell, George and Herbert. In 1911 Mr. Leapley sold the old farm and the following year bought a large place of 235 acres a half mile north and a half mile east of Liberty Village. This is the old Frank Williams farm. Mr. Leapley paid \$17,000 for it, a price that indicates its thoroughly improved and modernized condition. Mr. Leapley was engaged in farming there until about two years ago and has since lived retired in Liberty. He is a republican in politics and was twice a candidate for office, being defeated by a small majority. Once he was candidate for assessor and the other time for supervisor. He has been a party committeeman and has attended a number of party conventions. He is affiliated with Liberty Lodge of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America and still enjoys outdoor sports, such as fishing and hunting.

**JOHN KEIL.** Anyone at all familiar with Adams County's history recognizes Keil as one of the oldest and best known family names, particularly in the southwestern part of the county. One of this substantial family is John Keil, owner of a large and valuable farm in Fall Creek Township, ten miles southeast of Quincy on the Quincy-Hannibal road.

Mr. Keil has always been of a family of land owners and agriculturists. He bought his present farm in 1912, and has occupied it since 1913. It is the old Wishon farm of 320 acres. About 200 acres are bottom land. Mr. Keil paid \$131 an acre for the land. The main buildings were already there, but since he bought it he has erected other suitable outbuildings, and has the entire property now in fine condition and regarded as one of the most productive farms in Fall Creek Township.

Mr. Keil was born December 30, 1866. He remained at home to the age of twenty-one, and in the meantime had rented some land. His share of his father's estate amounted to \$6,600, and he took in lieu of the cash 110 acres of the old homestead. This he still owns, and it is located about a mile and a half north of his present farm. Mr. Keil farmed this 110 acre place until he bought his present farm, and the two places make him one of the most extensive farmers in the county. He raises large crops of wheat and corn, having fifty acres of corn and ninety-five acres in wheat in 1918. He feeds and fattens from 60 to 100 head of hogs. Mr. Keil is now carrying forward his building improvements, erecting a large hay barn and cowshed. He is a democratic voter but has never been inclined to bother with an office.

February 12, 1893, at the age of twenty-six, he married Miss Barbara Schmidt, of Burton Township, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Loos) Schmidt. Mr. and Mrs. Keil have four children, all of whom are still at home, named Dora, Lillie, Edna and Elmer. Their oldest child, named Freddie, died at the age of nineteen. Mr. and Mrs. Keil are members of Bluff Hall Congregational Church, of which he is a trustee.

Frederick Schmidt, father of Mrs. Keil, was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and came to the United States at the age of fourteen, locating in Quincy. His brother William also came to this country and their sisters were Minnie, who married Henry Wolfmeier; Louise, who married August Kluesemeyer and lives at LaGrange, Missouri; and Caroline, who married Herman Wolfmeier, a brother of Henry, and lives at LaGrange, Missouri.

Frederick Schmidt worked for Michael Loos, a well known old timer of Melrose Township, whose granddaughter, Elizabeth Loos, he subsequently married. Elizabeth Loos was a sister of William, Fred and Louis Loos, constitut-



ing one of the best known families in the county. Frederick Schmidt and wife after their marriage lived for a time in LaGrange, Missouri, and then returned to a farm in Melrose Township and still later moved to a farm in Burton Township. Mr. Schmidt died there at the age of sixty years, and his wife at the age of fifty-five. They had twelve children, nine of whom reached maturity. Briefly the record of these children is as follows: Fred, who lives in the State of Washington; Barbara, Mrs. John Keil; Margaret, Mrs. Fred Speckhart, of Melrose Township; Emma, who died at the age of forty-four, unmarried; Dora, wife of Sylvester Haire, of Burton Township; Edward, a farmer at Rensselaer, Missouri; Louis, a farmer in Payson Township; Walter, on the old home in Burton Township; and Anna, widow of John Mollenhour, of Payson Village.

**ARTHUR M. CARTER.** Every community has its men whose position and standing are unmistakable, reflected in many different ways. These marks are of ability as well as character, and as a rule they testify to long residence and honest relationship with the community. Arthur M. Carter has been a general merchant at Plainville nearly forty years, is the first and only president of the State Bank of that village, and these facts alone speak for themselves as to the kind of man he is, his energy and all around good citizenship.

Mr. Carter was born in Hampshire County, West Virginia, February 12, 1852. As a young man in 1875 he came to Adams County to join his brother J. J. Carter, who had located at Plainville in 1866 and was a blacksmith there. Arthur M. after coming to Adams County taught school four terms in a district near Plainville. He also worked on farms. In 1879 he and John De Laplain established a general store under the name De Laplain and Carter. In 1889 the partners divided their stock, and Mr. Carter moved his merchandise to his present location, where he erected a substantial building, which has been in use ever since. Thus for thirty-nine years he has been continuously a merchant of the village and has not only had a most satisfying trade, but has built up a reputation for integrity that is unassailable. In 1910 the State Bank of Plainville was established, with Mr. Carter as its first president. This bank has been very prosperous, has a capital of \$25,000 and surplus of \$2,500, and average deposits of \$100,000. In 1913 a building was especially erected for the bank on the ground floor, while above is the Masonic Hall.

Mr. Carter's career is not entirely a record of business service and experience. For seventeen consecutive years, until 1912, he served as township clerk. He has been a delegate to many township conventions of the democratic party and has served on the Central Committee. Since 1893 his valuable associate and helper in his business has been his brother, Calvin Lycurgus Carter.

September 1, 1881, Mr. Carter married Miss Clara Howard, a native of Payson Township and daughter of Abraham and Rachel Howard. Mrs. Carter died September 16, 1914, after thirty-three years of married companionship. There are three daughters: Ollie and Edith, both at home; and Inez, Mrs. Arthur Thompson, of Fall Creek Township. Edith is a former teacher in this county and Ollie is a trained musician. Mr. Carter has long been identified with the First Baptist Church of Plainville, was one of its organizers, and has been one of its trustees ever since, and a deacon since 1896.

**FRED SCHWENGELS.** The most interesting part of a man's career is concerned with the difficulties and handicaps he has to overcome, how he manages to solve the problems of existence, and get ahead in the world. Before he was three score and ten Fred Schwengels was able to retire with a competency and enjoy life at Coatsburg, and yet thirty-five years ago when he came to America he and his wife were so poor they could not own the simplest kind of a home and had to depend upon their daily work for subsistence.

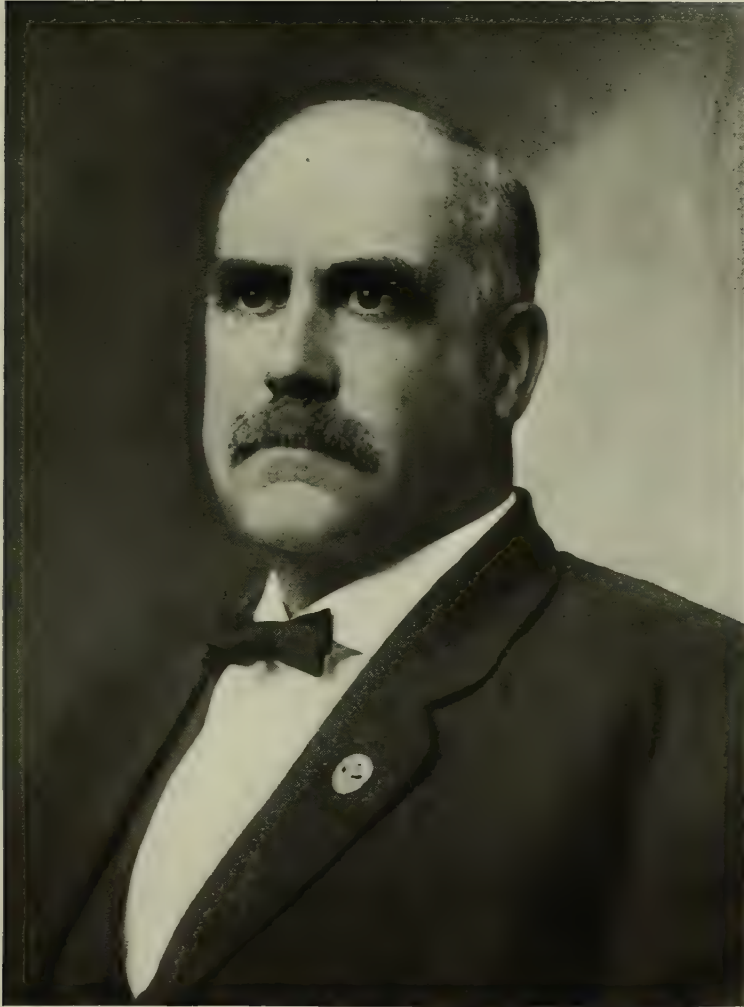
Mr. Schwengels was born in Oldenburg, Germany, April 14, 1848. He lived in the old country until 1881, when he was thirty-three years of age. He

escaped the enforced military service of Germany because of the fact that he failed to pass the physical examination. At the age of seven years he was paying his own way by hard work. Until he was fourteen he received nothing at all for his labor and at sixteen was earning only 6 cents a day and at twenty-one 12 cents a day. Most of his time was spent on a farm, but later by employment in a brick yard he earned 50 cents per day for eighteen hours of labor. While working on farms his wages were \$5 a month. Making all due allowance for the time and for the differences in money values, his hard work barely netted him a meager living.

In 1871 Mr. Schwengels married Anna Joergans. In her he found a most capable helpmate. She was very strong, and after they came to Adams County she was able to perform with as much ease as the average man the work of clearing and cultivating as well as the duties of the household.

Mrs. Schwengels' brother, Frank Joergans, came to the United States about 1871, and her sister, Mrs. Mary Kramer, also lived in Adams County for about ten years. These relatives wrote from time to time of the improved conditions of the new world and the better opportunities, and this was the chief cause for Mr. and Mrs. Schwengels starting for the land of promise. They left Bremen on a sailing vessel and arrived in New York City accompanied by two children, the older about ten years of age. Coming on to Adams County Mr. Schwengels found work at 75 cents a day, but after a year he contracted to buy eighty acres of land a half mile east of Coatsburg. The land was covered with a heavy growth of timber, and the price was \$25 an acre. Of course his savings did not allow him to pay cash, and he went in debt for practically all of it. In the course of a few years about fifty acres had been cleared and put into cultivation. The timber he worked up chiefly for fuel and sold it at Coatsburg. Some of his neighbors came and helped him erect a log house, and the first year he was able to get five acres in condition for planting a small crop of wheat and corn. That was the scene of constant labor on the part of himself and wife for twenty-five years, at the end of which time they had a good farm. They sold the place at \$45 an acre, and had paid the original purchase price in eleven years from the time they located there. On selling that farm Mr. Schwengels bought his present place of 170 acres 2½ miles east of Coatsburg in Camp Point Township. This farm comprised 100 acres of improved land, and with a small house. The purchase price was \$50 an acre. At the present time 110 acres are in cultivation and the rest in timber and pasture. Again he and his wife went into debt, but in five years had paid off all their obligations and had also erected a good, substantial barn and enlarged the old house. This, in brief, is the story of Mr. Schwengels' experience as a home making and home owning citizen of Adams County. Eight years ago he left the old farm, but still owns it, and it is under the capable management of his son. Since then he and his wife have lived in Coatsburg, and have one of the neat homes of that village. Mr. Schwengels took out naturalization papers many years ago and is one of thousands of our citizens of German origin who thoroughly appreciate the meaning of American opportunities and the possibility of raising oneself beyond the circumstances to which he was born. In politics he has always affiliated with the democratic party. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church at Coatsburg. They have four children. Mary is the widow of Louis Givert and lives in Gilmer Township. Sophia is Mrs. George Scheufel, of Honey Creek Township. Anna married Andrew Steinbrecher and lives near Princeton in Millelacs County, Minnesota. Fred D., the only son, now lives on and has the active management of the home farm. He married Laura Hyatt, and they have a son, Paul, aged five years.

THOMAS B. SMITH. The chronicles of early settlement and pioneer activities of northwestern Adams County make frequent mention of the Smith family, who established themselves in Ursa Township almost ninety years ago. Long



Tom B. Smith.





residence has been accompanied by many other influences and activities that constitute a justifiable claim to the high esteem in which the members of this family are held.

The founder of the family here was James G. Smith, who married Sarah Cundiff. James G. Smith drove overland from Kentucky with an ox team and on October 5, 1829, arrived in Adams County and pre-empted the southeast quarter of section 24 in Ursa Township. He cleared up some of the heavily wooded land of that region, made a farm, was esteemed as a good citizen, and lived there until his death in 1853. His wife passed away about 1840.

The second generation of the family was represented by William B. Smith, who was born in Muhlenburg County, Kentucky, February 16, 1823. As a boy of six years he probably remembered many of the incidents of the family migration to Adams County. In 1848 he married Miss Susan L. Lowry, who was born in Londonderry, Ireland, November 22, 1830. Her family came to Adams County in 1836. After his marriage William B. Smith bought 110 acres in section 18 of Ursa Township, and during the next thirty years he added to his possessions and became one of the largest land owners in Adams County. His estate at the time of his death included 968 acres. Part of his land included the site of the Village of Ursa, which he laid out in 1875. Success came to him by honorable methods and his name will long be spoken with the respect it deserves. He died March 26, 1882. He had a family of four children: Sarah E., born October 17, 1849, who was first married to William McCormick and after his death became the wife of Otto Keim; Isabelle L., born June 5, 1851, who first married Dr. W. A. Byrd and later became the wife of George H. Walker; Thomas B.; and W. J. who was born July 26, 1870, and is the present county clerk of Adams County.

Thomas B. Smith, who has followed with great success the profession and calling of his father and grandfather as a farmer, was born at the old home in section 18 of Ursa Township June 13, 1853. In that locality he grew up, attending the local schools, and was well trained for farming by his association with his father. In 1877, after his marriage, he bought the farm where he now lives in section 13 of Ursa Township. His first purchase was 160 acres, and later he bought 120 acres adjoining on the south, and later eighty acres in section 26. With the assistance of his sons he has cultivated large tracts of land and has helped to keep up the average of production in Adams County in such crops as wheat, hay and livestock.

Mr. Smith has also taken an active part in local affairs, has served as supervisor of Ursa Township, as town clerk and assessor, and for twelve years was president and for a number of years secretary of the Mutual Insurance Company of Ursa Township. When the community needs something that requires leadership and cooperation it usually looks to Thomas B. Smith as one of the citizens best fitted to promote and insure the success of such an undertaking. Mr. Smith is affiliated with Ursa Camp No. 995 of the Modern Woodmen of America, with Quincy Lodge No. 44, Knights of Pythias, and with Marcelline Lodge No. 127, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife is a member of the Christian church.

Mr. Smith married Miss Josephine Frazier. She was born February 27, 1856, a daughter of Lemuel G. and Eva (Ahalt) Frazier. The Fraziers were even earlier settlers in Ursa Township than the Smiths, and reference to the career of Lemuel G. Frazier and other members of the family will be found on other pages of this work. Mrs. Smith's father died October 5, 1880, and her mother on December 7, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had five children: Edna born January 24, 1878, is the wife of D. C. Hill; Jessie B., born September 17, 1882, married Arthur Bittleston; Thomas B. Jr., born July 22, 1888; Boyd F., born August 27, 1890; and Nellie M., born June 14, 1892. Mr. Smith lived in his present home for forty years. Mrs. Smith died on the 9th of October, 1917.

JOHN G. THOMPSON is cashier of the Payson branch of the State Street Bank of Quincy. He is also a farmer and land owner, a citizen active in affairs in Payson and Fall Creek townships, and member of one of the earliest settled families in that section of Adams County.

His grandfather was William Thompson, who came from Athens, Ohio, in 1833, down the Ohio River and up the Mississippi, and located in what is now Fall Creek Township. The land he first settled there was afterward occupied by his two daughters. He died on his old farm in 1880, at the age of ninety-one. One of his sons was Vincent Thompson, who became a well known physician at Payson, and the other was Marcus L., father of the Payson banker.

Marcus L. Thompson was born at Athens, Ohio, January 6, 1816, and was seventeen years of age when his parents came west. At the age of twenty-six he married Louisa Gamble, daughter of William Gamble. The Gamble family came from the same section of Ohio and likewise were early settlers in Adams County. Marcus Thompson and wife were married in Greene County, Illinois, and after their marriage they rode eighty miles on horseback to Adams County, locating on land adjoining that of his father and later moving to still another tract. He owned a fine farm of 240 acres, and was a successful business man, though he was never rugged in health and also suffered from weak eyes and finally lost his eyesight altogether. He lived long and usefully and passed away in 1907, at the age of ninety-one. He had been retired for about twenty years before his death. He was a staunch republican, but never sought official honors, and was a member of the Payson Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife died in 1905, aged eighty-two, terminating a marriage companionship of nearly sixty years. Their children were eight in number: Sarah Frances, widow of Henry Walker, of McDonough County; Lois, who has never married and still occupies the old homestead; William Elmer, a farmer on a farm adjoining the homestead; Mattie J., who lives with her sister Lois at the old home; Kate, who died at the age of thirty-five in Missouri, wife of Asa Berry; Charles A., a former teacher in Adams County, married in Iowa, and is now a fruit grower in the State of Washington; John G.; and Ella M., wife of William Waddill, of Payson.

John G. Thompson was born March 19, 1858, just a quarter of a century after his family had settled in Adams County. He grew up at the home farm, and in 1881 finished his education in Chaddock College of Quincy. He taught in district schools for fifteen years, living at home and during the intervals of school operating the farm. A number of his old pupils have since become prominent in the professions and the business affairs of life, including former County Judge Charles McCrory, now of Tulsa, Oklahoma. For three years Mr. Thompson was secretary of the Payson Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and now for the past ten years has been cashier of the Payson branch of the State Street Bank of Quincy. From 1898 to 1902 he served as a member of the Board of Supervisors, and was the first republican elected to that office in Fall Creek Township for a long period of years. He has always been active in county politics, has attended county, state and other conventions, and has been a delegate to many of them. Mr. Thompson owns part of the old homestead of 150 acres, and now entrusts its management to his son John B. He also bought the Shinn farm of 173 acres in Payson Township, and this was occupied by his oldest son, C. H. Thompson. His farms are conducted on the general plan, without any unusual specialization, though he has always raised a number of high grade hogs.

December 23, 1886, Mr. Thompson married Miss Olive B. Shinn, daughter of O. H. and Susanna (Seehorn) Shinn. Her parents are both deceased and were long residents of Payson Township. Mrs. Thompson was born in Payson Township and was nineteen years of age at the time of her marriage. Her father was a very enthusiastic citizen and prominent in all local matters. He was a republican in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have the following children: Charles H., who married Cynthia Nesbitt and has one child, Charles H.,



Jr.; John B., who married Edna N. Larrimore, of Payson; C. Josephine, who is assistant cashier of the Bank of Payson; Marcus L., still attending school. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mr. Thompson has served as steward. He is affiliated with the Woodmen of the World, is a charter member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Payson, and was formerly affiliated with the lodge at Marblehead. He has been a Mason for twenty years or more and has affiliations with the Scottish Rite Consistory at Quincy.

**JAMES WILLIS LIERLE.** Lierle is one of the oldest family names in Adams County. It has been borne by a number of the useful men and women here during the past seventy or eighty years, and among them is James Willis Lierle, for many years a practical thresherman, a business man and a farmer whose home is in Liberty Township, three miles east of Liberty Village. He was born in the northwest corner of that township, in section 6, December 27, 1853, and is a son of William and Diana (Gooding) Lierle. His parents had both been married before. William Lierle by his first marriage had twelve children, and he and Diana Lierle were the parents of four. The first family comprised the following, including several who were formerly well known in Adams County. Zachariah, born May 21, 1815; Sarah, born October 28, 1816; William, born August 16, 1818, who was the father of Mrs. Nathan Fessenden; John, born July 1, 1820; Nancy, born March 30, 1823; Elizabeth; Catherine, born March 31, 1827; Anderson, born June 8, 1829; Rhoda, born January 7, 1832; Martin, born September 3, 1833; Susanna, born August 7, 1835; and George, born October 20, 1837.

William and Diana Lierle's four children were: Manda, born May 2, 1845, married James Allen, and both are now deceased, he having died at the Soldiers Home at Quincy; Huldah, born in 1848, died May 6, 1890; Richard, born January 6, 1852, a resident of Butler County, Kansas; and James W., the youngest of the family.

James W. Lierle lived on the old home farm until he was thirty years of age. In the meantime, at the age of twenty-three, on February 3, 1876, he married Melisia Jane Schwartz, who was born in Liberty Township May 13, 1856. Seven years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lierle moved from the old homestead and bought eighty acres in another part of Liberty Township. They were there seven years and then sold and in 1890 bought their present farm, the John Gorman estate of 160 acres. For this they paid \$35 an acre. It had few buildings, and its improvements were by no means high class, and much of the land was not ready for cultivation. Mr. Lierle steadily progressed toward better things on that farm, cleared off the land, and in 1907 put up his present neat and comfortable residence.

In recent years Mr. Lierle has been greatly handicapped physically, though he has accomplished a wonderful amount of work. For thirty years, as already noted, he operated a threshing outfit. Some of his patrons had him come around to their grain fields year after year, without a thought of considering any of his competitors. He knew every branch of the business, and rendered adequate service at every point. His last experience in the threshing business was when he undertook to start a new self-feeder for another party. A belt slipped, and he lost his left arm, the injury being such that his arm had to be amputated close to the shoulder.

Mr. Lierle has made much success as a breeder of Poland China hogs. Morris Kelly was the first in that neighborhood to breed this stock, and more farmers handle the Poland China than any other breed in this part of the county. Mr. Lierle now furnishes much of the breeding stock on the neighboring farms and has developed many splendid specimens of the Poland China. He has demand for all that he can supply, but has never exhibited any of his animals at shows. For twenty-one years he was a road commissioner in his district. He is a democrat, and that is the political faith of most of the Lierle family.

A brief record of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lierle is as follows: Oliver

is in Government service at Rock Island, Illinois; Maud is Mrs. William Ruhl, of Richfield Township; Stella is Mrs. Fred Manuel, of Payson Township; Clifford is a farmer in Liberty Township; Pearl married Walter Wilkey, a farmer in Liberty Township; Quendo is the wife of Earl Blagg, a fruit man in the Hood River District of Oregon; Emma is the wife of Herman Fingel, also a resident of the Hood River District; Roxie is Mrs. Edward Keller of Liberty Township; Chloe, a teacher now living with her father, is the wife of William Detterding, who during the war is with one of the American divisions in France; and Alva, who operates the home farm for his father, married Susie Kline. Mrs. Lierle is a member of the German Baptist or Dunkard Church.

**WILBUR F. COE.** While one of the younger men in the farming activities of Adams County, Wilbur F. Coe lacks none of that enthusiasm, energy and enterprise which are fundamentals in success and the advancement of community. He has one of the best cared for and cultivated farms in Melrose Township.

He was born in Montrose Township of Adams County September 20, 1887, the only child of Iro and Ella (Felt) Coe. Iro Coe was a native of Ohio, was born and grew up near the Town of Clyde, and the first change of location took him to Michigan. He was there when the Civil war was in progress and responded to the call of patriotism and enlisted in the Sixth Michigan Heavy Artillery. He faithfully served his country until granted an honorable discharge. He was well educated and for a number of years was engaged in the profession of teaching. He came to Adams County, and married in this county Miss Ella Felt. He finally located in Melrose Township and bought fifty acres near the Coe Spring. This land is still owned and occupied by his widow and their son Wilbur. Iro Coe was a republican voter, and his early experience as a teacher always made him an advocate of good schools. He was an honored member of the Grand Army Post at Quincy, and some of the happiest occasions of his later years were mingling with the old comrades of the war. Iro Coe died in April, 1907. One of the appropriate monuments in Woodland Cemetery marks his last resting place.

His wife was born in Adams County, was educated in the common schools and in the Young Ladies Seminary, and has long been identified with the Melrose Chapel of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She is a member of the Ladies' Aid Society and is an enthusiastic worker in the Red Cross.

Wilbur Coe grew up on his father's farm, and in addition to the common schools attended the Quincy High School and spent two years in the agricultural department of the University of Illinois at Champaign. This education supplemented the practical knowledge he had acquired as a boy on the farm, and he is one of the men well fitted by training and experience for the heavy responsibilities that now devolve upon the American farmers.

On June 30, 1915, Mr. Coe married Miss Leone F. Humphrey. They have a daughter, Wilma Ellen. Mrs. Coe was born in Adams County March 22, 1893, daughter of E. D. and Rena (Timmons) Humphrey. She was educated in the common schools and spent one year in the Illinois State Normal University and one year in the Macomb Normal. Prior to her marriage she was a teacher in Melrose Township four years, and drew many commendations for her work. Both Mr. and Mrs. Coe are active members of the Melrose Chapel, of the Methodist Episcopal Church and its various kindred organizations. Mr. Coe has been president of the Melrose Township Sunday School Association and was treasurer of the Missionary Unit. Mrs. Coe is a teacher in Sunday School. The Melrose Sunday School is a prosperous one, with an enrollment of 125 and an average attendance of seventy-five. Mr. Coe in politics is a republican and gave his first presidential vote to Theodore Roosevelt.

In 1915 Mr. and Mrs. Coe had a very interesting wedding journey, including a tour of the far West. They visited the states of Washington, California, Oregon and Utah, including the cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Tacoma,



San Diego and Salt Lake City, where they were interested visitors in the great Mormon Temple.

THOMAS ROTTENKOLBER has earned the comforts of a good retired home at Thirty-second and Broadway in Melrose Township, just east of Quincy, by reason of thirty years of continuous business activity. Mr. Rottenkolber is one of the veteran butchers and retail meat men of Quincy, and by slow and steady progress, with varied experiences now on the fortunate and now on the unfortunate side, he attained a competence.

Mr. Rottenkolber was born April 29, 1856, at Munich, Bavaria. On December 8, 1880, he landed in Quincy. While coming to this country he met a Doctor Stiener, who induced him to come to Quincy. Mr. Rottenkolber had learned the trade of butcher in Germany. He reached Quincy with only 10 cents in money. He had \$100 in cash on landing at New York, but he generously paid the railroad fare of two companions less fortunate than himself to Quincy, and he never received any of this money back. For three years he worked for Simon Warnet at Fifth and Vine streets. His wages the first year were \$125, the second year he was paid \$30 a month, and the third year, \$35 a month. Out of this he managed to save \$300, and he used that capital to set up in business for himself at Tenth and Oak streets. He bought all the livestock which he killed, and at first slaughtered about two beeves per week. His sales amounted in gross aggregate to possibly \$100 a week. After three years he started another shop at Twelfth and Hampshire, and continued the two shops for two years, having three men working under him. Mr. Rottenkolber did all his own killing, and with a growing trade was gradually getting ahead in the world, though he always had low prices to contend with and the margin of profit was a very slender one. He continued his shop at Twelfth and Hampshire streets for about twenty-two years, and he and his wife lived over the shop on the second floor. This old shop occupied the site of the present Standard Oil Company's plant. Finally Mr. Rottenkolber moved to his present property at Thirty-second and Broadway. This is a small suburban farm, comprising seven acres and was formerly used as the site for his slaughter house. He bought the land about thirty years ago. After leaving the retail meat business, Thomas Rottenkolber again bought a shop at Eleventh and Maine streets, and he conducted a business there 5½ years, until he finally retired in 1913. During this new period of business he bought all his meat from the packers. He has lived in his present home since 1908. Mr. Rottenkolber knows only two other men who were in the butcher business at Quincy when he started, and one of them is John Gehring, Sr., who is still active. During the last five years Mr. Rottenkolber has given his time to the management of his little suburban farm. He has never aspired to office. He began voting as a democrat, but since 1896 has been chiefly republican.

On February 28, 1884, Mr. Rottenkolber married Catherine Bangert. She was born in Quincy September 8, 1860, daughter of Frederick and Mary Bangert. Her father was in business at Fifth and Vine streets from 1880 until 1914, and the store is now continued by his son Adam J. Mrs. Rottenkolber after her marriage assisted her husband in the sales in the market, and has thus shared his business career with him. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church at Seventh and Kentucky streets.

EDWARD C. DEEGE. While the Degee family are best known and have been longest established in Burton Township, one of the number, Edward C. Degee, is an exceptionally energetic and prosperous farmer of Liberty Township. A brief sketch of his career and experience will supplement other information contained in this volume concerning his father, J. Philip Degee, of Burton Township.

Edward C. Degee was born near Pleasant Grove Church in Burton Town-



ship October 1, 1870. He grew up in that community, attended the local schools, and had a thorough training to fit him for his career as a farmer.

March 13, 1895, he married Miss Amanda Uhland, of Richfield Township. Mrs. Deege was born at the old home in Richfield Township May 25, 1869, daughter of Christopher and Caroline (Seitter) Uhland. Her father died there in July, 1896, and her mother May 8, 1916. The old home is still owned by the Uhland heirs. Mrs. Deege's parents were both born in Germany but were married in Adams County and lived on their farm in Richfield Township from about the time of their marriage.

For three years after his marriage Edward C. Deege rented and then bought his present farm of 120 acres of the Sander farm. He paid \$55 an acre for the land. Most of the buildings, including the house, were already there, but he has made many other improvements. He went in debt for the entire farm, and by his industry and the thrifty co-operation of his good wife has raised himself into the position of one of the independent farm owners and managers of the county. Mr. Deege is a democrat and a member of the Lutheran Church of Liberty. He and his wife have one son, Harold I., who is now at Camp Sheridan, Alabama, in Company A of the Two Hundred and Ninth Regiment of Engineers.

SCOTT WHEELER is proprietor of the Hickory Woodlands Farm four miles northwest of Liberty Village. Mr. Wheeler has lived on this farm all his life, and his energy and enterprise have brought him prosperity. He is member of a family which in several lines goes back in Adams County history nearly ninety years.

He was born in the house in which he now lives June 15, 1873, son of Aquilla B. Wheeler. Aquilla B. Wheeler was born near Williamstown in Grant County, Kentucky, June 3, 1828. He was born after the death of his father, Aquilla, Sr. His mother, Bethelon Woodyard, was born December 9, 1802, and died June 13, 1839, in Liberty Township, Illinois. There is a further record showing that William Woodyard, father of Bethelon, was born August 12, 1775, in Virginia, and died in Grant County, Kentucky, November 29, 1858. His wife was Rebecca Sims, who was born December 27, 1776, in Virginia, and died in Grant County, Kentucky, May 21, 1850.

The grandfather of Aquila Wheeler, Jr., was George Fennel Wheeler, who was born in Virginia and died in Liberty Township of Adams County. He married Elizabeth Becker Hume, also a native of Virginia, who died in Liberty Township and is buried in Burton Cemetery. George Fennel Wheeler came to Liberty Township in pioneer times. Aquila Wheeler came to Illinois with Paris Judy, and lived with his uncle, Burt Wheeler, in Burton Township. Afterward he lived on the farm of his grandfather, George Wheeler, where Scott Wheeler now lives. The old brick house on that farm was built by the Wheelers from brick burned on the premises. Aquila Wheeler had two brothers, Thomas, who was a farmer in Burton Township and died at Quincy in 1912, and Ferdinand.

Aquilla Wheeler had a farm in Burton Township, but about 1873 moved to the old place of his grandfather, and lived there until his death on December 11, 1911. On December 18, 1866, he married Helen M. Bliven. She was born in Burton Township January 14, 1836. Her father, Benjamin Burris Bliven, was born in Allegheny County, New York, April 28, 1813, and died in Burton Township. Her mother, Caroline Wheeler, was born in the same township May 18, 1811, and died December 13, 1848. Helen M. Bliven died September 1, 1917, at the old homestead. Aquila Wheeler during his lifetime had added forty-six acres of timber to the old place and cleared up about twelve acres of this. He erected a number of outbuildings, and the last fourteen years of his life he lived retired. He served as tax collector of Burton Township and was a school director for thirty years. He and all his family were republicans in politics. He was a member of the Liberty Christian Church. He was also

a Mason of long standing, and was buried by the Masons. Mrs. Wheeler was a member of the Eastern Star and was buried by that order. Aquila Wheeler had two sons, Scott and William. The latter was born March 6, 1875, lived on the old farm to the age of twenty and is now a farmer near Cameron in Warren County. He married Ida Reynolds, and has two sons, Frederick Scott and William Wayne.

Scott Wheeler since coming to manhood has engaged all his energies and initiative on the home farm, and has the same land which his father owned before him. He does much livestock raising and keeps about fifty head all the time. October 28, 1897, he married Miss Irma Josephine Grubb, member of the well known Grubb family whose history is recounted on other pages. Mrs. Wheeler was born October 24, 1875. Their four children, all at home, are George B., Albert W., Ida J. and Ernest S. Ida J. is a student in the Liberty High School. George B. has taught in Liberty Township.

Mr. Scott Wheeler served several years as school director and is a republican. He is a deacon in the Christian Church at Liberty. Both he and his wife have been prominent in Red Cross activity and he is chairman of the local chapter. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler both went to school to Judge Lyman McCarl, one of the editors of this history.

**ERNEST J. GRUBB.** The esteem in which Mr. Grubb is held in Liberty Township is well reflected in his present official capacity as township supervisor, an office he has filled three consecutive terms. Mr. Grubb has well earned the confidence of his fellow citizens, and has been a man of substantial character and ability in affairs in that locality nearly all his life.

He was born  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles north of Liberty Village October 5, 1870, son of George W. and Hannah (Howerton) Grubb. George W. Grubb was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1837, and was brought to Adams County when two years old by his parents, Jonas and Sarah (Weiser) Grubb. Jonas Grubb settled on the farm where Ernest J. Grubb was born, and lived there the rest of his life. Jonas and his wife were natives of Zurich, Switzerland. They were the parents of a large family, and as most of the sons remained in Adams County there are many families of the name who have been identified with this community. The children of Jonas Grubb and wife were Reuben, David, George W., Abraham, Jonah, John, Edward, Reuben. Those who remained in Adams County were Reuben, David, Edward, Jonah and George. John went to Pike County and Abraham to Hancock County, Illinois. All of them were farmers.

Hannah Howerton, wife of George W. Grubb, was born in Kentucky November 22, 1844. She was a child when her parents, James and Elizabeth (Rhodes) Howerton, moved to Adams County. They located on a corner west of the bank in Liberty Village and conducted a hotel there many years, finally moving to Novelty, Missouri, where they spent their last years. Mrs. Hannah Grubb alone of the Howerton family remained in Adams County. George and Hannah Grubb were married December 17, 1863. He acquired the old Grubb homestead, located in section 17 of Liberty Township, and kept it until shortly before his death. He finally retired to Liberty Village, where he died December 16, 1910. Mrs. Hannah Grubb is still living in Liberty. George W. Grubb was a democrat and was a very devout and faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. He was an old fashioned churchman, and one of the few who retained that happy custom of household and family worship in his own home. He was regular in his attendance at church and filled all the church offices. He knew the Bible thoroughly and could discuss intelligently both theological and political questions. His family consisted of the following children: Ella, who taught in the Maplewood High School at Camp Point, the Barry High School, in Lombard College, and at one time was appointed county superintendent of schools to succeed John Jamison, but was defeated for election. She is now Mrs. James W. Simons, living at Pacific Beach, California. Susie, who like all her sisters,



finished her education in Lombard College at Galesburg, is the wife of Charles Miller, of Oakland, California. Lura taught school in Adams and Pike counties for several years, and is the wife of Robert Mercer, of Liberty. The next in age is Ernest J. Grubb. Clara was a teacher in Adams County and is the wife of Ben E. Gilmore, of Stockton, California. Josephine likewise did some teaching in the county and married Scott Wheeler, a farmer at Liberty Township. The son John died in infancy. Roscoe is an engraver living at Champaign, Illinois. Mary, a former teacher, is the wife of Howard Lawless, owner of the elevator at Loraine, Illinois.

Ernest J. Grubb finished his education in the Maplewood High School, and lived at home and worked on the farm until his marriage January 7, 1892, when Stella Allen, of Columbus Township, became his bride. Her parents were James and Amanda (Lierle) Allen. Mrs. Grubb was born in Columbus Township twenty-one years before her marriage. She had also attended the Maplewood High School and was a teacher for three or four terms in the county.

After his marriage Mr. Grubb continued farming for three years and since then has lived in the Village of Liberty, following the general blacksmith trade and operating a shop for automobile repairs. In the line of official duty he has been busy for a number of years. For seven years he was deputy sheriff. He was elected township supervisor in 1912 and is now serving in the third term. He is a member of the Illinois Road and Bridge Committee and has consistently stood for and advocated permanent improvement, particularly good roads. He is a democrat and has been township committeeman several years, serving as a delegate at various conventions of the party.

Mrs. Grubb died May 15, 1910. She was the mother of three daughters, Alta, her father's housekeeper; Frances, wife of Roscoe Boyer, connected with the Collins Plow Company at Quincy, and Clara, clerk of the County Exemption Board. Mr. Boyer was for three years associated with his father in the management of a general store at Liberty.

Mr. Grubb has always been fond of outdoor life and enjoys nothing more than an occasional hunting trip. He is prominent in the local Odd Fellows and Masons, and was in the Grand Lodge of the Masonic Order three terms. He and his wife were both members of the Eastern Star and their three daughters are members of the same order. The daughter Alta has filled all the chairs of the Chapter and was representative to the Grand Lodge in 1917. Mrs. Grubb was at one time worthy matron of the Chapter, at the same time that Mr. Grubb was worthy patron.

CHARLES HENRY RANKIN. Some competent critics have called the Rankin home in Fall Creek Township, fifteen miles southeast of Quincy, the best planned, most artistic and commodious country residence outside of Quincy. Reference is made at the outset to the home, since it is in a large degree typical of the character and enterprise of the family who center their activities there. The Rankins are pioneers of Southern Adams County, and some of the most important developments in the county's history have had them as leaders and promoters. This is particularly true of the agricultural interests. The Rankins as much as any other family have been prominent in developing the great apple and peach orchards of this section of Illinois.

The first generation of the family in Western Illinois were Elias and Elizabeth Rankin. Elias Rankin was a native of Scotland. He and his wife lived in Caldwell County, Kentucky, came to Illinois and first settled in Sangamon County, later went to Iowa for a brief season, and then established pioneer homes in section 13 of Fall Creek Township. Elias Rankin died there about 1868, at the age of ninety-six. He was buried in the Fall Creek Methodist Cemetery. One of his sons, Jesse Rankin, lived on a farm in section 14 until 1888, when he moved west, and his death occurred near Spokane, Washington, about 1916. A daughter of Elias became Mrs. Berry and died in Fulton, Missouri. Another daughter was Mrs. Smith, who died in Adams County.



Robert Rankin, father of Charles Henry, was one of the interesting and prominent figures of Adams County's history. He was born in Caldwell County, Kentucky, June 23, 1827, and was a small child when his parents started west. The first day he attended school was in Fall Creek Township. Becoming tired, he spread his body out on the puncheon bench and fell fast asleep, and he always recalled that incident of his early schooling. At the age of twenty-three Robert Rankin married Miss Sarah Jane Edmonds. She was born in Iredell County, North Carolina, May 20, 1828, daughter of John and Elizabeth Edmonds. John Edmonds was born in Ireland, was brought to America by his mother, and married Elizabeth Fitzgerald in Virginia. The Edmonds family lived in Tennessee during 1828-31, and arrived in Adams County, Illinois, July 3, 1831, settling in Payson Township, where John and Elizabeth lived and died. Elizabeth Edmonds spent her last years with her daughter Sarah Jane.

Robert Rankin located on his home farm in the spring of 1852, and lived there until his death December 11, 1878. He also owned a large acreage six miles away on Sni Island. His home farm comprised 480 acres. The Sni Island Drainage District was organized in 1872 and he was one of its chief agitators and promoters. During the war he was a firm friend of the Union cause, a republican in politics, and apparently it was his chief characteristic to stand honestly and firmly by the principles and policies which he believed to be right, and denounced all that he considered wrong and unjust. Despite the positiveness of his manner he was universally esteemed, and had a host of friends.

His work and influence were especially valuable in promoting agricultural and horticultural development and the co-operative movements which insure better markets and other advantages to a farming community. He was the first president of the Adams County Horticultural Society, being elected in 1870, and he held that office until his death. In 1868 he organized a number of men into an association to plant and develop peach orchards. As a factor in that movement he set out thirteen acres in peaches. When these trees came into bearing he was influential in securing a proper co-operation among other growers to secure proper transportation and marketing facilities. This local association shipped nine carloads a week from Fall Creek station. Robert Rankin had a packing house on his farm, employing sixteen girls during the packing season. The peaches were put in boxes holding a third of a bushel each. He also set out  $21\frac{1}{2}$  acres of vineyard on his land. Though a horticulturist, he was also a livestock grower, and identified himself with every movement in his section of the county for general improvement.

His first wife died September 15, 1873. She was the mother of ten children, only three of whom reached mature years. One daughter married Henry Cupp, and a son, Curtis, died at the age of sixteen. The only survivor of the children today is Charles Henry Rankin. The father married for his second wife Miss Laura Goodner, who died in 1878, both her children dying in childhood.

Charles Henry Rankin was born August 2, 1859, on the site of his present home. As a boy he spent four years in the Payson High School, two years in the Maplewood School at Camp Point, and two years at Chaddock College in Quincy. He graduated from the Illinois State University with the degree Civil Engineer, class of 1885. Since then he has given all his time and best energies to the home farm, and had taken a responsible part in its management from the age of eighteen. The farm under his ownership comprises 228 acres. Mr. Rankin built one of the best houses in the township in 1907, but it was burned October 31, 1908. It was rebuilt in 1909. Besides his horticultural interests he is a general farmer and stock raiser.

Mr. Rankin has set eighteen acres in orchard, and it is thirty-three years old. His fruit growing is an enterprise to which he has applied the most modern methods, and he is himself a recognized authority on horticulture in the Mississippi Valley. He is an active member of the Mississippi Valley Apple Growers'

Association, and for many years has kept in close touch with horticultural and agricultural interests. His apple crop runs from 1,000 to 2,500 barrels annually. It is divided among four or five staple varieties. At one time it was possible for him to exhibit from the local orchards 160 varieties of fruits at the Camp Point Fair.

February 14, 1888, Mr. Rankin married Miss Henrietta L. Whittleton. She was born in Melrose Township, daughter of Edmund and Elizabeth (Cox) Whittleton. Her father was a native of England and as a child came to America and was educated chiefly in New York. At the age of twenty-six he came to Adams County and taught school here. A year later he married Elizabeth Cox, daughter of Matthew and Sarah B. (Gooding) Cox, of Melrose Township. Henrietta Whittleton was twenty-seven years of age at the time of her marriage. She had attended high school at Barry, Illinois, and an academy connected with the University of Rochester, New York. For seven years before her marriage she taught in Adams and Pike counties, Illinois, and in Saline County, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin have a family of three children. Harriet Elizabeth, born October 6, 1889, is the wife of George Ernst, an electrician at Quincy. Luro Jane, born February 17, 1892, and at home with her parents, is a graduate in household economics from the Illinois State University, and has done much work in demonstration and other phases of her science. The son, Robert Edmund, born September 8, 1893, spent two years in the agricultural department of the State University, specializing in livestock, husbandry and dairying. He went into the service of his country, June 24, 1918, and honorably discharged February 18, 1919, from Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky.

Mrs. Rankin is one of the most proficient home makers in Adams County. She has made a close study of home economics of all kinds, and the handsome Rankin home was built from her plans and under her immediate supervision. Her success in planning this home has put her services in demand by many friends and neighbors, and she has devised and drawn plans for a number of excellent houses. The Rankin home is widely known because for a number of years Mrs. Rankin has extended its hospitality and facilities to parties and individuals seeking a beautiful and quiet retreat in the country for a few days or weeks, especially in the summer season. Everything in the home is thoroughly modern, and especially with a view to utmost convenience and lightening the burdens of necessary household work. It has a hot water heating system, a gasoline gas-light system, gas for cooking, and there is a perfect water supply. The source of water is from a spring 110 feet lower than the house and a half mile distant. It is piped under pressure from a hydraulic ram, and the capacity of the supply is 700 gallons each twenty-four hours. In the basement is a pressure tank by which the water is distributed to all the floors of the house. Mr. Rankin has served as a member of the Farm Bureau and in other departments of the Adams County Farm Improvement Association, and Mrs. Rankin is also active in the organization of the Home Bureau. He has served as justice of the peace eight years, and used that official place always as a means of adjusting petty disputes and quarrels rather than to exercise a mere supervision over technical legal processes. Mr. Rankin's name was on the republican county ticket for county surveyor in 1888.

JOHN BOND CARROLL is assistant postmaster of Quincy, and has held that office for the past eight years. He is a young man of thorough qualifications, of good native ability, and as a young man he learned to depend upon himself as a means of advancement and in order to make his services appreciated in the world.

Mr. Carroll is a native of Minnesota, born at Pipestone on October 14, 1884. His parents are Edward and Mary (Winters) Carroll, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Scotland. Edward Carroll came to the United States in 1880, first locating at Hastings, Minnesota, moving from there to Pipestone, later to Adair, Missouri, and finally to Kirksville, Missouri, where he is still living a civil service employe.



John Carroll





John Bond Carroll, who was the fourth in a large family of thirteen children, remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-one and received his education in the public schools of the various localities where his father lived. For a brief time he was employed by the Adams Express Company and then entered the State Normal College at Kirksville, Missouri, and in 1908 took the course of the Gem City Business College at Quincy. From that he entered the civil service by examination and was appointed postmaster of Quincy on January 1, 1909.

Mr. Carroll is independent in politics, is a member of the Ad Club of Quincy, a director in the Quincy Chamber of Commerce, and is a leader in the Catholic Church. His church membership is in St. Peter's parish at Quincy. He is a past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus and is president of the Illinois Federation of Catholic Societies.

**DANIEL JEFFERSON BOLING.** With the exception of a year or so spent in Missouri Daniel Jefferson Boling has been a resident of Adams County all his life. He has been content with the role of an industrious and hard working farmer, has performed the duties of citizenship that came in his way, and is looked upon by his fellow men as one who has achieved a worthy success. Mr. Boling is now living retired at the Village of Columbus.

He was born in Liberty Township February 17, 1851, on what is now known as the Fisher farm. His parents were Louis and Amelia (Hughes) Boling. Louis Boling was born in the State of Georgia, son of Thomas Boling, who brought his family to Tennessee, where he and his wife spent their last years as farmers. Louis Boling when a young man left Tennessee and came to Quincy. This was during the late '30s, and Governor Wood was still living in his log cabin on the site of the present City of Quincy. Louis Boling came to the county in company with Mr. Pevee. Louis Boling was born in May, 1801. After coming to Adams County he married in one of the southern townships Miss Hamilton. She died eighteen months later, leaving one son, William H., who died eight years ago at the age of seventy-four, survived by three children. After the death of his first wife Louis Boling moved to Liberty Township and there married Amelia Hughes, daughter of William Hughes. The Hughes family were among the pioneers of Liberty Township. Louis Boling after his second marriage began life on a new farm three miles east of Liberty Village, cleared up some of the woods and converted them into cultivated fields, and in 1873 sold that farm and bought another place, where he spent his last years. He died February 8, 1878, at the age of seventy-seven. His widow survived him some years and passed away at Elveston in Hancock County in January, 1904. She was born in June, 1811. Both are buried in the family lot on the Jefferson farm in Concord Township. They were members of the Dunkard Church and were good, faithful Christians, hard working and enjoyed the complete esteem of their community. The mother was a real pioneer housewife, and was proficient in the arts of weaving and spinning. Of their living children Daniel Jefferson, George W., of Columbus Township, and Mrs. Harriet Edwards, widow of Joseph Edwards, of Camp Point, remain as descendants of these worthy pioneers.

Daniel Jefferson Boling grew up on the old farm in Liberty Township. He attended the old brick schoolhouse in the Union district east of Liberty Village. After he was grown he moved to Concord Township and for thirty years was a successful farmer in that community. He eventually sold his farm there and bought a place in Columbus Township comprising 168 acres in section 20. This he also improved, erected substantial buildings, and for some years did a considerable business in buying and selling horses and cattle and to a less extent of hogs and sheep. Five years ago Mr. Boling moved to Camp Point, and then in 1914 came to the Village of Columbus, where he bought a good six room house with two large lots.

In Concord Township he married for his first wife Mary F. Hanke, daugh-

ter of William Hanke. She was born in Adams County August 12, 1851, and died at the old farm in Columbus Township July 24, 1910. Of her six children Orville is referred to on other pages. Cora E. is the wife of Lorin Marshall, a farmer in Columbus Township, and they have two children, Emerson and Ruth. Lawrence now lives at Elcentro, California. He married Sadie Brinkman, daughter of Louis Brinkman, and has a son, Galord. Arthur Boling is one of the young men of Adams County whose record is perpetuated with a gold star in the honor flag. He enlisted as a member of the Engineers Corps and while at Camp Fremont died of illness April 6, 1918, at the age of thirty-one. Iva E. is the wife of Robert McFarland, and they live on a farm in Columbus Township. Their children are Maxine and Francis. Clarence E. is also a soldier, was trained for the artillery service, but is now in Company D of the Depot Brigade of an infantry regiment.

For his second wife Mr. Boling married Mattie E. (Whiteside) Kinnaman. She was born in Brown County, Illinois, and first married Mr. Harvey Hoffman. By that union she had three sons and three daughters, all of whom are married and have children of their own. These children are named Alva, Jessie, Gertrude, Omer, Maude and Harry. For her second husband she married A. J. Kinnaman, who died seven years ago. There were no children by this marriage, but Mr. Kinnaman had two children by a former wife. Mrs. Boling has ten grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Boling are members of the Christian Church at Columbus, and he is an elder. He served as a township officer in Concord Township for a number of years.

JOHN H. BELKER. In making productive the vast regions of the Middle West no one class of people has borne a more steady and effective part than the German element. Representing the second generation of this class of worthy people in Adams County is Mr. John H. Belker, concerning whose work and standing as an Adams County farmer only the highest words of praise may be spoken. Mr. and Mrs. Belker occupy a fine home in Melrose Township. Mrs. Belker is also of a prominent German family in Adams County, and at all times has proved herself a valuable helpmate and counsel to Mr. Belker in the establishment and building up of their beautiful rural home.

That modern home and its conveniences stands in vivid contrast to the little log cabin in which John H. Belker first saw the light of day on August 9, 1859. His birthplace was on Shell Creek in Adams County. He was the oldest of nine children, four sons and five daughters, whose parents were Gerhardt and Mary (Oenning) Belker. It is testimony to the vitality of the family that all the children are still living and all are residents of Adams County except Mrs. Katie Leffers, widow of Barney Leffers. She is living in St. Louis and is a member of St. Anthony's parish in that city.

Gerhardt Belker was born at Munster, Germany, in 1825. He died in Adams County in 1905. He was a soldier in the German army and for four years was in the forces commanded by Emperor Wilhelm I. Part of the time he was one of the guards at Berlin. He frequently saw and always carried in his recollection those famous German leaders General Von Moltke and Prince Bismarck.

About 1858 Gerhardt Belker came to the United States, traveling on a steamship and landing in New Orleans, whence he came to Quincy. He arrived at Quincy about the time of the cholera epidemic. He stood high in the favor of a childless old couple in Melrose Township, and they made him their heir to eighty acres of land. Gerhardt Belker was a member of the Catholic Church and very active in St. Antonio's parish in Melrose Township. His wife was also born at Munster, Germany, and crossed the Atlantic in a sailing vessel, the voyage requiring three months. She also landed at New Orleans. She is remembered as a kind and loving mother, and she tended the entire community in times of sickness and distress. She is still living in advanced years in St. Joseph parish in Gilmer Township.

John H. Belker was educated in St. Antonio's parochial school for six years



and had a good practical training for the responsible duties of life. When his <sup>days</sup> were ended he took up farming, and his recollection extends back over a period of forty years or more when much of the now highly cultivated sections of Adams County were largely waste and uncultivated lands. He made his real start to success when he found his life companion, Miss Frances B. Weidemann. They were married May 10, 1888. To their union have been born five children, three sons and two daughters, four of whom are still living: Mary E. was educated in the parochial school, was given a musical training, and is now the wife of John Lenz, of Melrose Township, and they live on one of the good farms there. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lenz are members of St. Antonio's parish. Gerhardt Belker, the second child, was educated in parochial schools, and is a farmer on the old homestead. He married Miss Bertha Schmezele, and they are members of St. Antonio's parish. Henry has completed his education in the parochial schools and is still at home, as is Alfred, the youngest of the family, still a schoolboy.

Mrs. Belker was also born in a log cabin home in Adams County. Her birth occurred December 26, 1867. She is one of the six living children of Barney and Johanna (Willing) Weidemann. Barney Weidemann was born near Munster, Germany, and after reaching manhood came to the United States and settled in Adams County, where he married. He had a farm of fifty acres in Melrose Township, and made that the scene of a laborious and profitable career. He and his wife were active in St. Antonio's Parish and they both now rest in St. Antonio Cemetery. Mrs. Belker obtained her training in the parochial schools, and for the thirty years since her marriage has been devoted to the duties and responsibilities of home making, rearing the children, and providing for the needs and duties of the present and the future.

When Mr. and Mrs. Belker started in life as young married people they had a very meager equipment. Mr. Belker had a cow and two pigs, and Mrs. Belker was given a similar dower by her father. Their labors and continued years have brought their just rewards. Mr. and Mrs. Belker have a farm of ninety-five acres in sections 4 and 9 of Melrose Township, and their surroundings bespeak their thrift and energy. Mr. Belker is a democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for General Hancock. He has always supported the principles of democracy. He has served as tax collector. Both he and his wife are members of St. Antonio Parish and belong to the church societies. While Mr. and Mrs. Belker had to meet and solve many problems in their earlier years, the present and the future stretches before them completely unclouded, and they have many of those things that make life worth living. They keep in touch with their friends and with the attractions of the city and remote districts by means of a Maxwell touring car.

J. PHILIP DEEGE has for sixty years been a resident of Adams County, and his life has been one of great usefulness, of much constructive work, with an expression of good citizenship and public spirit in every community affair, and he has well earned the competence he now enjoys and the respect and admiration of his family and friends.

Mr. Deege was born in Bavaria, Germany, February 14, 1839, oldest child of Wendel and Louisa Deege. His parents spent their lives in Germany and died in advanced years. J. Philip Deege came to the United States in 1857, by sailing vessel from Havre to New Orleans and thence up the river to St. Louis. He first located in St. Clair County, Illinois, and for two years followed his trade as blacksmith at Shilo in that county. In 1860 he moved to Quincy, where his uncle, Philip Jacob Deege, was then living. A brother of J. Philip, named Jacob, also came to America, was a farm laborer near Quincy four years, and then went back to Germany.

J. Philip Deege worked in the Rogers blacksmith and wagon shop for several years at Quincy.

In 1863 he married Miss Catherine Peters. She was born at Loraine in

Adams County, daughter of Jacob and Christina (Everhart) Peters. Her parents after living five years in New Orleans came to Burton Township, and her parents died there in advanced years. They were among the founders of the Lutheran Evangelical Church near their home.

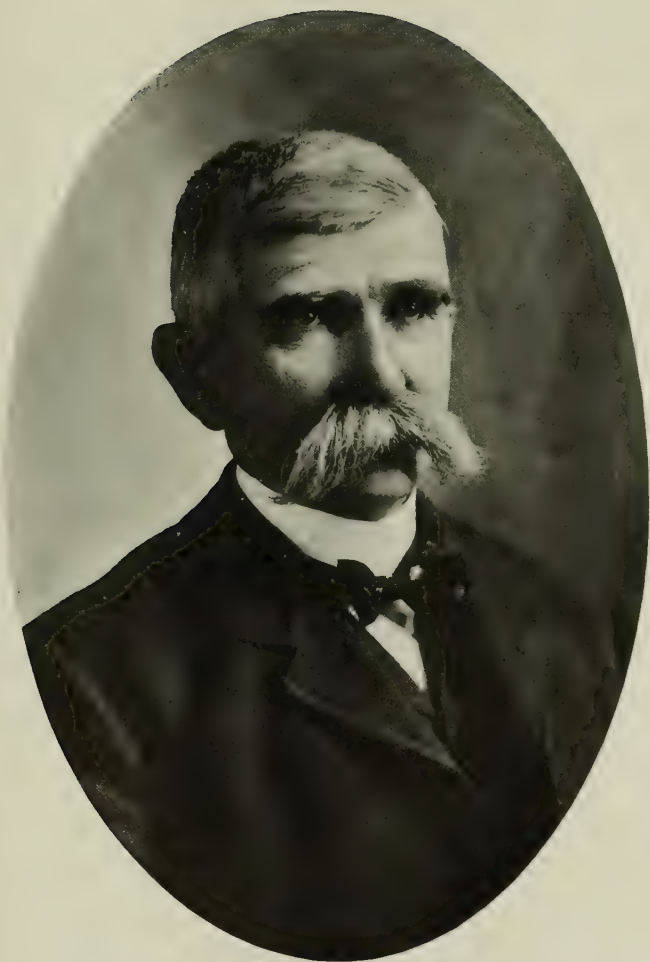
Three years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Peters returned to New Orleans on account of the wife's health, and during the two years they lived there Catherine Peters was confirmed. She was born May 12, 1842. She had three sisters: Mrs. Daniel Dapper, a widow living at Quincy; Mrs. William Schildman of Jacksonville, Illinois; and Mrs. Daniel Moelling.

In 1865 Mr. Deege located in Burton Township and rented a blacksmith shop on the present farm of George C. Dean. He operated that four years, and rendered service to a large traffic on the highway in front of his shop. He made new wagons in addition to the general repair work of a blacksmith. He then established a shop near the Pleasant Grove Methodist Episcopal Church in Gilmer Township and remained there for six years, was then on a farm in Columbus Township as a renter four years, and in 1878 bought his present place of 160 acres in the northeast quarter of section 1 in Burton Township. Mr. Deege paid \$8,000 for this land, going in debt \$4,000 and paying 10 per cent interest on it. At that time hogs sold for only 2 cents a pound. The land had not been cultivated for many years and was merely a meadow and pasture. There were no buildings. Taking the property in that condition, Mr. Deege has made it what it is today, erecting good buildings and bringing the land to a point of cultivation where it is equal to any other Burton Township farm. His chief dependence in the way of livestock has been placed on hogs. He has marketed from 60 to 75 head every year. Mr. Deege got his start in life as a renter, and accumulated enough money from renting to buy his first land. He is now practically retired from the duties of farming and leaves the operation of his homestead to his son-in-law. He and his wife are members of the Liberty Lutheran Church. For many years he continued to keep a blacksmith shop on his farm and did much of the work in that line required by his neighbors. He is a democrat, served twenty years on the school board, and for twenty years has been active in the church council.

Mr. and Mrs. Deege had a large family of children, and those that grew up they gave assistance in getting their start in life. The record of the children is briefly as follows: Philip Jacob, of Columbus Township; Daniel W., of Liberty Township; Frederick, a mill engineer at Great Bend, Kansas; Edmund, of Liberty Township; Louisa C., wife of Xopharie Weisenberger, a mail carrier at Great Bend, Kansas; Anna A., wife of Lenus Weisenberger of Burton Township; Mary M., formerly a music teacher, now Mrs. Albert Balzer, of Liberty Township; Melvina, who died at the age of ten years; Henry and Louisa, both of whom died in childhood; Leanore, Mrs. Henry Schmiedeskamp, wife of a well known attorney at Quincy; Charlotte, Mrs. Elmo Pierce, and mother of one son, Paul. Mr. Elmo Pierce now operates the old Deege homestead.

THOMAS STURGIS ELLIOTT. Love of land, of peace and industry, cardinal virtues in the lives of men and nations, have been the ever present and controlling influences in the life of Thomas Sturgis Elliott of Payson. He has lived in Adams County since early boyhood, has always preferred the quiet, plain life of the farmer, but from that position his influence, character and ability have radiated into many affairs, and he has served well and without price the interests of many others in his community.

Mr. Elliott was born in one of the interesting sections of old Pennsylvania, Lancaster County, October 7, 1841. He is of Welsh, Scotch and Irish ancestry. His parents were Joseph and Margaret (Sturgis) Elliott, both of whom were born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, his father April 18, 1803, and his mother in November of the same year. They were married October 19, 1826, and in 1849 brought their family west and settled at Payson. John



*Thomas, S. Elliott*





Elliott, a brother of Joseph, also came to the county and spent his life in the home of his brother Joseph. A sister, Mrs. George Greene, had lived in Adams County twelve years before Joseph came. Joseph himself had visited here two years prior to establishing his home. He bought a farm in Payson, and for a number of years followed his business as a carpenter and bridge builder. He was a very skillful and successful bridge contractor, building structures both of wood and stone. A stone arch bridge over Fall Creek in Fall Creek Township is still standing, and its use for over fifty years testifies strongly to the qualifications of the builder. In 1852 he put up a wooden arch bridge over Mill Creek at Marblehead, and that served at least sixty-five years. Another that is still standing is one at Paris, Missouri, built before the Civil war. Joseph Elliott made money easily, but was too generous, especially in going security for others, to build up a fortune, as many men of less ability did. However, he died well off. At one time he owned 1,300 acres of bottom lands, but sold them before they became valuable through drainage and reclamation. He and his wife were members of the Congregational Church at Payson. He died in April, 1892, at the age of eighty-nine, and his wife in December, 1887, aged eighty-four. They had a family of nine children: Emmor became a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church and at one time presiding elder. He was a very brilliant and capable man, and especially fond of horses, and could tame the wildest animal. However, his death was due to a runaway team, and his life was cut short at the early age of forty-one. Jane, the second child, became the wife of Samuel N. Spencer, and she died at Payson at the age of eighty-three. Her son G. Glenn Spencer occupied the old farm. Wilson B., who died at the age of eighty at Hannibal, Missouri, was a farmer in this county and also in Missouri. Mary died in young womanhood. Joseph P. is a merchant at Payson. Elizabeth died at the age of sixty-one at Hannibal, and was twice married, her first husband being Anthony Lyonberger and her second, J. J. Allander. The next in age in the family is Thomas S. Elliott. Margaret S. married L. R. Kay, a farmer of Adams County and later of Kansas and now living retired at Long Beach, California. Sarah Ellen married M. P. Whitecomb, and they reside at 2229 Hampshire Street in Quincy.

Thomas S. Elliott was eight years of age when brought to Adams County. He attended private schools of Payson, being a student when it was customary for the parents to pay the tuition for each child. He farmed for several years on his father's place of 160 acres, and about forty years ago eighty acres of that estate became his own portion. He has kept increasing and improving his land until he now has a large and complete farm of 400 acres. This includes one of the farms of his father, which was bought in 1850 for \$2,800. Mr. Elliott has paid prices ranging all the way from \$45 to \$100 per acre for his additional land, much of it bought at \$64 an acre. General farming, raising of stock, grain and hogs have constituted his chief activities. At times he grew as many as 200 hogs a year. In recent years he has not been active in farming, turning over those responsibilities to his son-in-law.

No part of his career is more pleasing to review than that recording his public activities and his unselfish interests as a member of the community. Mr. Elliott has been called upon to settle many estates, at least twenty-five, and some of them very large and valuable ones. For ten years he handled one estate as trustee, and was never required to file a bond. His neighbors have frequently asked him to look after sales and attend to other business details, and in managing some forty sales of this kind the only loss he can remember was the mere trifle of \$17.50. He has been guardian for a number of children, and has supervised many delicate and important interests of this kind.

Practically all the local offices have been bestowed upon him at some time. He was township supervisor for fifteen years, at different periods, for two years was chairman of the board, and has also been assessor and member of the Board of Review. An active democrat, he was for two years chairman of the County

Central Committee, and managed a congressional campaign. He was the first inheritance tax appraiser when that law went into effect in this section.

Those interested in the wholesomeness and essential comforts of country life find pleasure and encouragement in the beautiful farm and home Mr. Elliott has established for himself and family. His house is one of the most commodious among the country residences of the county, is beautifully situated, has a broad sweep of veranda, large grounds and ample shade, and inside has all the comforts and conveniences that make life worth living, whether in the town or country. Mr. Elliott heats his home with a large wood furnace, and is never bothered by scarcity of coal, since he has fifty acres of woodland on the farm. His local school is on a part of his farm, and he has served many years as director. The school at one time had an enrollment of seventy-five pupils, but now its average enrollment is twenty. He and his wife attend the Congregational Church at Payson. Mr. Elliott is a director of the Ricker National Bank at Quincy and also of the Plainville Bank. For the last seven years he and his wife have spent their winters at Long Beach, California, but he has never been induced to buy or invest in California property.

November 2, 1864, Mr. Elliott married Miss Celena Whitcomb, who was born at the Village of Payson November 4, 1841, daughter of Jasper and Elizabeth (Duff) Whitcomb. Her father was born at West Hartford, Vermont, September 23, 1807, and her mother was a native of Ireland, of French descent, and she came to Adams County with a brother. Wyman Whitcomb, a brother of Jasper, was a member of the Board of Supervisors for sixteen years in Payson Township and was chairman of the board for eight years. Jasper Whitcomb, who came to Illinois about 1833, was a magistrate at Payson for twenty-four years, and a carpenter by trade. He was killed at the age of seventy-eight by the kick of a horse. Mrs. Elliott's mother died in January, 1902.

To Mr. and Mrs. Elliott were born two children, the son dying in infancy. The daughter, Florence, born April 4, 1876, is the wife of R. G. Kay. She was educated in the schools of Payson and at Oberlin College. Mr. and Mrs. Kay were married December 25, 1902, and they have two children: Garnet E., born in 1905, and Robert T., born in 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Kay live at the Elliott home, and he now has active supervision of the farm.

**LORING P. WHEELER.** One of the oldest native living sons of Adams County, Loring P. Wheeler has for eight decades been identified with this part of Illinois. The development of the county's resources and the transformation of its lands from raw woods and valleys into beautiful farms has taken place before his own eyes. In that development he has shared as an individual, made a name for himself as a substantial and public spirited citizen, and has acquired those things ambitious men most desire—financial independence, the rearing and training of children to lives of usefulness and honor, a good name and many friends.

Mr. Wheeler was born August 24, 1838. He was the oldest of three sons of John and Rebecca (Pease) Wheeler. He has one living brother, George E., who was formerly in the milling business but is now a retired resident of Quincy, with home at 413 Vermont Street.

Mr. John Wheeler was of Welsh ancestry and was born at Sudbury, Massachusetts, in 1813. He died in 1908, in his ninety-fifth year. He was reared in Massachusetts and his education largely depended on his private studies and the opportunities that came to him to acquire knowledge of men and affairs. During his long and active career he was identified with farming and milling at Quincy. John Wheeler came to Quincy in 1837. He was here in time to meet and know the founders of the City of Quincy and all the early pioneers of the county, among whom he played a worthy and honored part. There were Indians in Western Illinois when he arrived, and he witnessed the final emigration of the red tribes across the Mississippi River. His location was in Melrose Township, where he obtained land from Captain Pease, a



relative of his wife. This land is now owned by Loring P. Wheeler and has been in the family possession for eight decades. John Wheeler began voting as a whig, and cast a ballot for the first republican nominee for President, General Fremont. He and his wife were laid to rest in Woodland Cemetery, where a monument marks their last resting place.

Loring P. Wheeler, now in the shadow of his eightieth birthday, maintains all the vigor and intelligence of a man much younger, and his mind is as clear as many men half his age. He received a good education in some of the private schools of early day Adams County, and his father sent him East to get an academic training, spending one year at Meredith and one year at New Hampton, New Hampshire, in both of which places he attended academies. On returning to Adams County he did his first regular work on the Mississippi River. He was clerk on a steamboat, and when only seventeen years old was granted a master's license and was captain of the steamer "Colonel Morgan." From 1859 to 1872 Mr. Wheeler was a Quincy merchant and for four years he had an active part in the summer resort of Versailles in Brown County. Since then he has been located on his farm in Melrose Township. He has been prospered in his labors, has always been an exceedingly busy man, and aside from an inheritance of \$1,000 when he reached his majority his prosperity is the result of his own efforts.

June 16, 1863, in Will County, Illinois, Mr. Wheeler married Miss Clara E. Craw. They became the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters, three of whom are still living. The oldest is Ruth R., who lives at home with her father and was educated in the Quincy city schools and afterwards completed a four years course in the Chautauqua. She has always been a lover of good literature or books and has taken a commendable part in church and other local organizations. She is a member of the Methodist Church, of its auxiliary society the Honey Bee Society, and is president of the local Quincy unit of the Home Improvement Association of Adams County.

The son John P., who died October 31, 1895, at the age of twenty-nine, had already proved himself a man of achievement and talents and his early death cut short a career of great promise. He was always interested in things mechanical and though he had only a common school education he acquired what was for the time an expert knowledge of electricity and had the distinction of installing the second electric light system in Quincy. He married Miss Elizabeth Burroughs. Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler is now superintendent of one of the dormitories, known as the Elliott House, at Wellesley College in Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wheeler had two children, a son and a daughter. The daughter, Marjory, is a graduate of Wellesley College and is now an employe of the large dry goods house in Chicago of Charles Stevens & Company. The son John Stephen finished his education in the Quincy High School and is in Uncle Sam's service, having been promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant and is now performing the duties of adjutant at Camp Devens, Massachusetts.

Miss Catherine Wheeler, the second daughter, is also sharing the comforts of home with her father. She is a graduate of LaGrange College at LaGrange, Missouri, and for five years was a successful teacher, four years in Adams County and one year in LaGrange. She has always taken much interest in literary affairs and also in patriotic organizations. Through her grandmother Wheeler she is a direct descendant of an ancestor who bore arms in the Patriot cause during the Revolutionary war. With that lineage she is a member of the Quincy Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is affiliated with the Baptist Church at Quincy. She has made a number of trips across the states, has visited the home of her ancestors in Massachusetts and has seen a great deal of her own country.

The son W. Frank Wheeler was educated in the Quincy High School and in the agricultural department of the University of Illinois at Champaign for one year, and is now living in Chicago, district agent for the Wilson Packing

Company. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Elks. He married Martha White, who died in 1903, and had two children, one living, Frank White, now a student in a Chicago high school. W. Frank Wheeler married in October, 1917, Miss Eveline Lemen, of St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Loring P. Wheeler was born at Bristol, Illinois, was educated in the common schools and had a musical training. She was active in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and her children and friends remember her for her many fine qualities as a kind and loving wife and mother. She died August 13, 1909, and was laid to rest in Woodland Cemetery.

Mr. Wheeler has never shown any disposition to seek public office, and has done his part as a good citizen through other channels. He was at one time a member of the Military Company at Quincy, an organization which had on its roll such prominent names as General Morgan, Tilson, Prentiss and John Wood. The beautiful homestead of Mr. Wheeler is known as Elm-land Farm. It is a highly productive place of 160 acres and also interesting and attractive as the abode of peace and contentment where any man might be happy to spend his declining years.

GEORGE WASHINGTON DEAN was one of the notable figures in the agricultural and political life of Adams County for many years. It is but justice to a good and honorable name therefore that the following brief points in his career should be noted.

He was born in Fluvanna County, Virginia, February 14, 1836. When he was two years old his parents moved to Pickaway County, Ohio, where he was reared to the age of seventeen. Prior to that time he had taught school a year, for two years attended the Mount Pleasant Academy, and coming west to Illinois through Sangamon County entered the Illinois State University and remained through the junior year. Later he enrolled in the Indiana State University from which he graduated in the law course.

About that time he located in Adams County and here taught two years of school. He married Miss Mary S. Hughes, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hughes.

Mr. Dean represented a thoroughly American and patriotic family. His father was a soldier in the War of 1812 and defended the Star Spangled Banner from the encroachments of British power. George W. Dean was always a democrat in politics. Many offices came to him during his residence in Adams County. He was supervisor, assessor, justice of the peace and notary public. His growing influence and prominence brought him before the people of the state in general. He was elected to the State Senate from the Thirty-sixth Senatorial District and served during the sessions of the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth assemblies. Afterward he was elected to the Lower House of the thirty-ninth assembly. While in the Legislature Mr. Dean was noted principally for the introduction and passage of two bills, one for admitting any inmate of the Soldiers and Sailors Home to the insane asylums of the state when declared insane, and the other a bill creating what is known as the Farmers Institute Law. After the passage of the Institute Law he became director of the Fifteenth Congressional District under its provisions, and continued to hold that position until a short time before his death. For twenty-six years he held the position of member of the Adams County Agricultural Board and for five years was its president. For several years previous to and up to the time of his death he was a stockholder and director in the Farmers Bank at Liberty, Illinois, and also a stockholder and director in the Payson Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Payson. He was a lifelong member of the Masonic order.

George Washington Dean died at his home in Burton Township July 28, 1911. He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary S. Dean, by his sons E. B. O. Dean of Camp Point, George C. Dean of Burton Township, D. J. Dean of Chicago, and his daughter, Miss Bertha Dean, who is still at the old home with



her mother. Mrs. Dean and all the children are still living and through their worthy individual careers perpetuate the worthy memory of their father.

GEORGE C. DEAN is one of the valuable men of Burton Township, a successful farmer, a public official, and is worthily carrying many of the responsibilities formerly devolving upon his honored father, the late George W. Dean, who died in 1911.

George C. Dean was born at the old homestead in Burton Township March 7, 1866. His mother is still living at the homestead. His brother Charles Sidney Dean died on the adjoining farm, the old Vickers place. He had married Polly Myers, daughter of Jacob T. Myers of Gilmer Township, and she is now the wife of Harry Coffield, an attorney living out West. Mr. Dean has a sister, Bertha W., unmarried and living at home. A brother, Daniel Justin, lives in Chicago and is engaged in telephone construction work. Another brother, Edson, is a farmer at Camp Point.

George C. Dean has spent his life close to the old farm, was educated in the local schools, and he first took the responsible management of the home farm when his father was on duty as a legislator. On December 28, 1891, Mr. Dean married Miss Emma G. Slade of Burton Township, daughter of Abraham and Amanda (Lytle) Slade. Her father was born in Maryland and soon after his marriage came to Adams County, was a farm renter and later bought a place in section 13 of Burton Township. His was a conspicuous success in that agricultural community. He was a real farmer, using all the qualifications that would have made him equally successful in business affairs. He developed a place of 240 acres, regarded then and now as one of the best farms in the township. He was also much concerned with the progress of his community and very public spirited. He was a member of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Dean's father died at the age of seventy-five, surviving her mother three years. They spent their last years at Camp Point. The son Seldon O. Slade now owns the old homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean have been on their present farm twenty-seven years. It was formerly owned by Mr. Dean's mother, being part of her father's estate. This farm consists of 115 acres and has been much improved under Mr. Dean's management and ownership. He bought another eighty acres, so that his present operations involve 195 acres. He raises corn and hogs and has a number of registered Shorthorn cattle.

Mr. Dean has been much in local politics, has been tax collector, member of the Election Board, a delegate to various county conventions, and he was elected justice of the peace as successor to his father and is also a notary public, having held his commission for eight years. He is a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church. There is abundant evidence of his progressive attitude on all matters. He is one of the original members of the County Farm Association, serving on its executive committee four years, as director from Burton Township. He is also a director and second vice president of the Farmers Bank at Liberty. Mr. and Mrs. Dean have one daughter, Mae Golden, now Mrs. Earl R. Sims, Mr. Sims being a son of John T. Sims of Burton Township. Mr. and Mrs. Sims have one infant child, Seldon Dean Sims.

JACOB B. WOLFE. The pioneer stories connected with Liberty Township always make a great deal of Elder George Wolfe, leader and one of the founders of the Dunkard Church in this county, a man of great nobility of character, a worker and organizer in his church for many years, and one whose influence went far toward establishing religious ideals and moral atmosphere in that community. Jacob B. Wolfe, the well known merchant at Coatsburg, is a grandson of that pioneer character. His own life has been devoted to farming, merchandising and public service. For many years he was a member of the Board of Supervisors, was formerly superintendent of the County Poor Farm, and he is the father of the well known attorney at Quincy who was elected



in 1918 to the office of county judge. Thus there have been four generations of the family in Adams County, and all of them distinguished by some unusual strength of character and vigor of enterprise.

Elder George Wolfe, who settled in Adams County about 1833, came here from Union County, Illinois, where he was a pioneer. Elder George Wolfe performed the first marriage ceremony in Liberty Township. He developed and owned a good farm in Liberty Township, but always carried on his work as a minister of the Gospel, and as long as strength and years permitted rode horseback carrying the message of the Gospel over a wide territory, going even as far away as Indiana. He established the Dunkard Church at Liberty, the first church of that denomination in the county. He was a prominent factor in the camp meetings held in that vicinity, when people came from miles around, brought their provisions with them, and celebrated all the special rites and ceremonies of the church, including the Lord's supper on Saturday night, and the observance of foot-washing and holy kiss. Elder George Wolfe and his son David built the church at Liberty, and David continued the work where his father left it off. For many years he was chosen at the annual meetings as missionary, and was also elder. There were several preachers in the congregation, but only one elder. His district as elder included Adams, Pike and Hancock counties. He visited the various churches and communities in these counties and also preached far beyond the boundaries of his district. As a missionary worker he was called by duty as far away as Texas, and many times to Indiana. For all the zeal with which he prosecuted his holy calling he was an able and successful farmer. Elder George Wolfe's wife died when her grandson Jacob B. was a few years old, but his grandfather lived to the age of eighty-four, passing away in 1866.

Jacob B. Wolfe was born in Liberty Township April 9, 1850, and is a son of Elder David and Pamela Ann (Francis) Wolfe. His father was born in Union County, Illinois, about 1820 and was a small boy when brought to Adams County. He and his wife had five children, and the oldest and youngest died in childhood. Mary is Mrs. Isaac J. Poley, of Atlanta, Georgia, while Martha I. is the widow of Rodney Lambert, who spent most of his life in Quincy. Mr. Lambert was formerly associated with Jonah Hedges in the grain business, and later was partner in the Eagle Flouring Mills until the mill burned. Still later he was a lime manufacturer. He was killed while examining the timbers of an old mill in process of demolition, being caught under a falling wall. He was at that time about forty years of age.

Jacob B. Wolfe was well educated in Liberty and also attended the Quincy Business College. He lived in Liberty Township forty years, and most of that time owned and operated his grandfather's old farm. About 1898 he moved to Quincy as deputy sheriff under John W. Roth, serving as turnkey in charge of the prisoners of the county jail. For about fifteen years he served as a member of the County Board of Supervisors, representing Liberty Township, and was finally selected by the Board as superintendent of the County Poor Farm. His administration was a most capable as well as a kindly and effective one. During his term the average number of inmates at the farm was 100, though at times the number rose as high as 180. He was occupied with the responsibilities of this institution for four years. Since then his time has been devoted to merchandising. He had a store at Paloma, but moved it to Coatsburg in January, 1910, and from that village his trade extends for miles around. He is one of the best known men in the county. He has long been active in the democratic party, serving as county committeeman in Liberty Township, and is in every sense a public spirited citizen. He was reared in the old family church at Liberty, but has had no active part in it for many years. For over thirty years he has been affiliated with the Liberty Lodge of Masons, has held all the chairs and for three years sat in the Grand Lodge. He is one of the oldest members of the Liberty Lodge.





Arthur Hassel.



Mr. Wolfe married Emily C. Grubb, member of an old and well known family of Liberty Township. She died August 4, 1880, the mother of four children. Everett E. is connected with the Street Railway Company at Quincy. Josephine P. is Mrs. Arthur V. Chandler of Carthage, Illinois. Frederick G. is the Quincy attorney above mentioned, who in 1918 accepted the nomination from the democratic party as candidate for county judge. Ellen F., the youngest child, died at the age of twenty-six, wife of Charles Lawless, of Paloma.

WILLIAM E. HASSE for a number of years traveled over the Central West as a commercial salesman, and has successfully capitalized his experience at Quincy as a hotel man. He is proprietor of the Hasse Hotel, located on Oak Street near the railway station. He built this hotel and established it in 1909, and has one of the best equipped and most popular hostelrys of Quincy. The hotel contains thirty-five rooms, and Mr. Hasse gives his personal attention to all these details of management which affect the service and the comfort of his guests.

For twelve years he was on the road representing a Chicago firm of wine importers, and that extended travel brought him many friendships all over Illinois and other middle states.

Mr. Hasse was born in West Prussia October 21, 1863, of an old Prussian family, and son of Dr. Carl and Florentine (Nixdorff) Hasse. His parents spent all their lives in Prussia, and both were more than eighty years of age when they died. His father was a scholarly and able physician, and both were lifelong members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. They had twelve children. Three of them, William E., Martin and Anna, came to the United States, all of them have married, and all have children. The sister lives in Indianapolis, and the brother in Missouri.

William E. Hasse grew up in his native town and had the education given to the better class of German youth in the Gymnasium. At the age of seventeen he came to America, traveling through Norway and Sweden and England before embarking for the passage to New York. He arrived in this country on the day that President Garfield was shot. From New York he came west to St. Louis, Missouri, where he found employment as clerk in a hardware store, and continued clerking in various establishments in that city until he went on the road as a traveling salesman. His has been a very busy career and he has been a substantial American citizen for over thirty years.

At Quincy Mr. Hasse married Miss Elizabeth Ottman. She was born in Quincy, daughter of Henry and Adelheide (Willsbacher) Ottman. Her parents, after they came to the United States, married at Cincinnati and later established a home in Quincy. Her father was a very talented engraver in gold and other metals. He died in Quincy in 1906, when past seventy years of age. His widow is now eighty-seven years of age and lives at St. Louis. For a number of years she was a devout worshiper in St. Boniface Catholic Church. Her four daughters, all now married, were also of the same faith as their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Hasse have five children: Alban A., who was educated in the city schools, is now associated with his brother Carl in a successful plumbing business under the name of Hasse Plumbing Company. He married at Quincy Wilhelmina H. Wessel. Carl Hasse married Pearl Polly, of Salina, Kansas, and also lives at Quincy. Erna G. is the wife of Ben Groetling, of Quincy, and they have a daughter, Verginia, born May 6, 1912. Martha C. is the wife of George Long, a farmer at Boone, Iowa, and they have a son, Carl, born April 1, 1914. William A. is unmarried and is registered for service in the United States army. Mrs. Hasse and daughters are members of St. Boniface Catholic Church. Mr. Hasse is affiliated with Herman Lodge No. 39, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, also with the Quincy Consistory of Scottish Rite and the Shrine at Peoria. In politics he is a democrat.

NATHAN LYTLE is proprietor of one of the excellently improved farms of Burton Township, twelve miles east of Quincy. He is a very substantial citizen, and it is a matter of interesting record that he began his career in this country as a farm laborer and the highest wages ever given him was \$19.50 a month. His career gives additional proof to the old assertion that it is not what one earns but what one saves that counts. A great deal is said about thrift in these days of war, but very few people at present conform to such rigorous economy as did Mr. Lytle. He saved his wages, and found opportunity to loan out every dollar at 10 per cent interest. In the course of time he had saved \$2,000, and that was the basis of his real start in life.

Mr. Lytle was born in Harvard County, Maryland, March 5, 1850, son of George W. Lytle. His father was a cousin of James O. Lytle, one of the earliest settlers in Burton Township. The Lytles are a rather numerous family in Adams County.

Nathan Lytle came west to this county in 1868. He worked out by the month until he married at the age of thirty-five. Most of his work was done in Burton and Gilmer townships, and for five years he was with Abraham Slade, and nine years with Crayton Slade.

January 1, 1885, Mr. Lytle married Miss Sarah A. Rife, daughter of David and Catherine (Stockslager) Rife. Her parents came from the vicinity of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and after several years in Adams County bought in 1864 the farm now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lytle. Her father died here at the age of eighty and her mother at seventy-two. Mrs. Lytle was born in Columbus Township, and lived at home until her marriage.

For thirteen years after their marriage they rented farms, and then after the death of her parents bought out the other heirs and now have a well arranged and well equipped farm of 61½ acres, comprising some very productive soil, and with good buildings. The original house burned and a cousin, Lige Carlin, was burned with the burning house. Mr. Lytle has replaced it with a neat home. Mrs. Lytle has a brother, John Rife, of Liberty Township.

Mr. Lytle has never sought official honors. He votes as a democrat and attends the Christian Church at Columbus.

PETER E. MURRAH. The community of Coatsburg has long looked upon Peter E. Murrah as one of the most substantial representatives of the agricultural industry and as a citizen whose work and influence have always gone in the direction of improvement and enlightenment.

Mr. Murrah, who has recently surrendered the active cares and responsibilities of his farm and is now enjoying a well earned retirement, was born in section 13 of Honey Creek Township October 19, 1846. He is a son of John and Mary (Fite) Murrah. John Murrah was born in Kentucky, moved to Tennessee in early life and married there, and in 1838 drove across the country to Illinois. He located in Adams County, and Honey Creek Township has always acknowledged him one of its pioneers and one of the men who did much to develop its raw resources. The James Bailey family came about the same time and both took up adjoining tracts of land. John Murrah paid only \$1.25 an acre for his first quarter section and for another 160 acres he paid \$2.50. Altogether he accumulated about 500 acres and some it cost him much more than the prevailing Government price. The barn which he erected on the premises many years ago is still standing. John Murrah died in 1872, at the age of sixty-nine, and was survived by his widow a number of years. He and his wife had the following children: Sarah, who married William Evertson and died in Livingston County, Missouri, at the age of eighty-five; Alvin F., who died in Adams County in middle life, leaving a wife and two children; Mary, who died in young womanhood; Caroline, who married J. L. Derrick, a farmer at Coatsburg, and both are now deceased, their two living daughters being Adelaide, of Collins, Colorado, and Sarah, Mrs. W. P. Simons, of Honey Creek Township; Elizabeth, who married Fred



Murrah, a cousin, and they then went to Kansas and died in that state; Frances, who married C. M. Gibbs, who for fifty years was railroad agent at Coatsburg, but is now living retired; John, who was born June 30, 1845, and died in the fall of 1917, at the age of seventy-one, his widow, Martha Kessler Murrah, still living; and Peter E., the youngest.

Peter E. Murrah grew up on his father's old farm, and at his father's death acquired the interests of the other heirs in the 160 acres which he still owns and which was developed and improved under his personal direction. This farm is in section 13 of Honey Creek Township, and Mr. Murrah can take satisfaction in reviewing the years of hard labor required in clearing it of brush and timber and otherwise bringing it to the full point of production. He built a good house and barns, and for about forty years gave all his time to the cultivation of his fields and the raising of good grades of livestock. Mr. Murrah is a democrat and served as tax collector in 1885, in which year he collected \$16,000 in taxes. He was made a Mason at the lodge in Columbus, but his chief interests have been his farm and his family.

In 1869, at the age of twenty-three, Mr. Murrah married Miss Melissa Koontz. She was born in Virginia, now West Virginia, in 1846, and was reared in Missouri. When a young woman she came to Illinois and at the age of nineteen became a member of the Murrah family, where she remained until her marriage. Mrs. Murrah died in 1914, at the age of sixty-eight. She was the mother of nine children, two of whom died in early childhood. The seven still living are: Marietta, widow of John Gunn, of Loraine; Peter Lawrence, who has never married and is now active manager of the home farm; Joseph Arthur, a farmer in Camp Point Township who married Rilla Felsman; Minnie Rebecca, wife of James P. Gunn, a farmer of Honey Creek Township; Lula, widow of J. T. McCormick, of Loraine, this county; William E., who married Cora Guenther and lives on the old homestead; and Rose Evelyn, wife of Frank Fite, now living in Iowa.

DERRICK L. MCNEALL, cashier of the State Street Bank at Coatsburg and a former county official, has spent practically all his life in Adams County and is connected with some of the oldest and best known families here.

His grandfather, Dr. Abraham B. McNeall, was an old time medical practitioner of Columbus Township. Abraham B. McNeall was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1810, the oldest of the nine children of Arthur and Elizabeth (Boyer) McNeall, also natives of Pennsylvania. During his infancy his parents moved to the vicinity of Cincinnati, and during his youth at Hamilton, Ohio, he learned the carpenter's trade. In the intervals of his mechanical employment he read medicine, studied at Starling Medical College in Columbus, Ohio, during 1849-50, and in September, 1855, came to the Village of Columbus in Adams County. He practiced there, and in 1868, after further study, was graduated from the Keokuk Medical College. He owned considerable land in and around the City of Columbus, served as a magistrate, was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and he and his wife were Methodists. November 21, 1833, he married Esther Haywood, who died September 5, 1864, leaving five children: Nathan H., Lydia A., Arthur A., Sarah E. and David F. Dr. Abraham McNeall married for his second wife, January 4, 1866, Ruth A. Carroll, and they had four children.

Nathan H. McNeall, father of Derrick L., was also a physician, studying at first under his father and later graduating from Keokuk Medical College. He began practice at Columbus, and for a few years lived at Denver in Hancock County. He finally took up his residence at Paloma and practiced there until his death in January, 1884, at the age of forty-eight. During the Civil war he served as first assistant surgeon in the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Illinois Infantry and was with his command until discharged. He was an active member of the County and State Medical societies and the American Medical Association, and was also a good business man. The saddle bags in



which he kept his instruments and medicines as he rode his rounds over the country are still carefully preserved by his son Derrick L.

Dr. Nathan H. McNeall married Louisa Whitlock, a daughter of Derrick Whitlock and a sister of Dr. Greenberry E. Whitlock. Derrick Whitlock was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, April 2, 1817, a son of John and Lydia (Howell) Whitlock. Derrick Whitlock was reared in Butler County, Ohio, and married Rachel Elliott in that county December 18, 1839. Derrick Whitlock in early life was a tailor. He came to Adams County in 1853, and from 1857 to 1871 was a merchant at the village of Columbus. He was also town and police magistrate. He and his wife had two children, Greenberry E. and Louisa. Louisa Whitlock McNeall survived her husband many years and died May 3, 1914. She was the mother of three sons: Rolla E., a commercial salesman living at Quincy; Wilbur H., who is rural free delivery carrier at Paloma; and Derrick L., who was named for his grandfather Whitlock.

Derrick L. McNeall was born at Denver in Hancock County, Illinois, September 20, 1875, but spent his early life at Columbus, where he attended public schools. For eight years he served as deputy county recorder, part of the time under his brother Rolla, and part of the time under David P. Lawless. He was also in the undertaking business at Columbus for a year or so. In the fall of 1909 Mr. McNeall entered upon his duties as cashier of the State Street Bank at Coatsburg. This bank is a branch of the State Street Bank of Quincy.

Mr. McNeall is a republican. His father was also active in the affairs of that party, and in 1861 was elected school treasurer at Columbus, and fifty-seven years later, in 1918, Derrick L. took the same position. Derrick L. McNeall resides at Columbus. He is superintendent of the Sunday School of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a member of the Masonic order. His home at Columbus is the old Whitlock house of his grandfather.

May 15, 1913, Mr. McNeall married Ada F. Myers, daughter of Leroy L. and Margaret (Lummins) Myers, of Gilmer Township. Her mother is still living. Mr. and Mrs. McNeall have one living child, Derrick Leroy McNeall, Jr.

JAMES SANFORD LAWLESS is one of the oldest members of a family that has been prominently identified with Adams County for eighty years or more. He resides in Gilmer Township, eleven miles east of Quincy, and was born July 28, 1838, on a farm just  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles northwest of where he now lives.

His parents were John and Margaret (Skirvin) Lawless. His father was a native of Virginia, was reared in Grant County, Kentucky, and married there Miss Skirvin. About 1833 they moved to Illinois. An ox team drew the wagon, while Mrs. Lawless rode horseback. Their first home was in Burton Township, but they soon moved to Gilmer Township, and secured a tract of government land at \$1.25 per acre. This land was partly covered with heavy timber and some of it was prairie land. There was also a spring of good water. In those pioneer days the grass on the prairie grew as high as a horse's back. Their nearest neighbor was David Harrison, five miles away on Mill Creek. There were at that time very few families in Gilmer Township, and Columbus was still the county seat. John Lawless died on the old farm at the age of seventy and his wife at sixty-eight. Her brother, Joel Skirvin, also came to Adams County and settled  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles further north, and there were several other members of the Skirvin family here. Besides his homestead John Lawless acquired between 300 and 400 acres, and helped all his children to start in life. He and his wife had nine sons and daughters, and all of them reached the age of sixty except a daughter who died at the age of forty. Their eldest son, John Quincy Lawless, who was born in Grant County, Kentucky, in 1826, became one of the most extensive farmers in the county, owning land in several townships, and he died at Columbus at the age of eighty-six. He was the father of David P. Lawless, former county recorder. William C. Lawless was born January 7, 1829, and he and his brother John Quincy married sisters, daughters of David Pearce. The wife of William C.

Lawless was Mary Pearce, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, January 26, 1830, and died in Adams County, July 6, 1907. William C. Lawless, who died at his farm in Gilmer Township at the age of seventy, was the father of Mr. Charles C. Lawless, the well known business man of Paloma. Thomas Lawless was a soldier in the Seventy-eighth Illinois Infantry, was captured and held a prisoner fourteen months, lost his health and died at the comparatively early age of sixty. Susan was the daughter who died at the age of forty. She married Mr. McBroon and died in Iowa. The next in age is James Sanford. Oliver P. Lawless is a resident of Gilmer Township. Mary Ann, the oldest child, married William Judy and died when ninety years of age. Elizabeth married John P. Yeargain and died in old age. Sarah is the wife of J. Lummis, and their son is now postmaster at Quincy.

James Sanford Lawless remained at home to the age of twenty-four and in 1865 came to his present farm, where he and his brother Oliver were partners for a number of years, but James finally bought out his brother's interest. He began with a farm of about 160 acres and now has 500 acres in one body. He is an extensive hog and cattle raiser and markets two or three carloads of cattle and three carloads of hogs every year. He has never been an office holder but is a republican.

At the age of thirty-three he married Miss Clara Vida Ferguson, of Burton Township. Their children are Clay; Bernadina, Mrs. Willis Cook of Paloma; Stephen G., a banker at Liberty and president of the County Exemption Board; Emmett, who lives on a farm adjoining that of his father; Homer, who is in the United States Army; Henry, who operates the home farm; and Emily, who is also at home.

**CHARLES C. LAWLESS.** One of the most frequently recurring names in connection with the business and civic interests of eastern Adams County is that of Charles C. Lawless, farmer, grain and stock dealer and leader in republican politics, whose home is at Paloma. His own record is merely in keeping with that of one of the oldest and best known families in the county.

Mr. Lawless was born in Gilmer Township, September 4, 1873, and is a son of William C. and Mary A. (Pearce) Lawless. A number of references to the different generations of the family will be found on other pages. William C. Lawless spent his life as a farmer near the old homestead, and his home place contained 160 acres and he also owned another quarter section a half mile south. He followed farming on general lines, and his chief livestock was hogs. He was never in politics, though a staunch republican. His wife, Mary A. Pearce, was a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Stabler) Pearce. Of the Pearce family none now remain in Adams County. David Pearce was born in Baltimore County, Maryland, March 18, 1807, and died in Gilmer Township December 16, 1878. He married Elizabeth Stabler February 27, 1829. They enjoyed their happy companionship for more than half a century. In 1835 David Pearce moved to Butler County Ohio, and in 1848 came to Adams County. At that time he was in limited circumstances, but his subsequent efforts brought him valuable property and the esteem of a large community. His farm was in the western part of Gilmer Township. He and his wife were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife was born in York County, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1808. David and Elizabeth Pearce had five children: Mary A.; John C., who died at Bowen, Illinois; Thomas D., who died at Camp Point; Elizabeth, who married J. O. Lawless and died at Columbus; and Ruth, who died in Gilmer Township the wife of E. A. Yeargain.

William C. Lawless and wife had eight children, seven of whom reached maturity: Orville H., of Paloma; John T., who died at Bowen, Illinois; David O., who resides at Bowen; William W., of Carthage, Illinois; Mary A., Mrs. William C. Morton, of Golden; Elizabeth, Mrs. M. Henry, of Paloma; and Charles C., the youngest.



Charles C. Lawless was twenty-three years of age when his father died, and after attaining his majority he had taken the management of the farm and continued it until his mother's death. He then moved to Paloma and bought the Doctor McNeall farm of eighty acres. To this he added in 1902, 110 acres and now gives his supervision to the entire farm, which is a large and valuable one. Mr. Lawless has paid varying prices for his land, securing some as low as \$80 an acre and the top price was \$143 an acre. A good residence was on his farm, built by Doctor McNeall, but Mr. Lawless has rebuilt and remodeled it. He carries on his farming partnership with Frank Wilson, an old employe. He is also associated with Willis Cook in the stock and grain trade and the firm handles about 100 carloads of live stock every year. They buy and ship grain from Coatsburg and Loraine. He is also a partner with G. A. Wilkey under the name Wilkey & Lawless, proprietors of a general store at Paloma. Mr. Lawless and Mr. Cook have an eighty acre pasture in common ownership, and use it for grazing their stock before shipping.

As a republican leader Mr. Lawless has been very active in the party and in behalf of his friends, but never as a seeker for office. He is a committeeman of the thirty-sixth senatorial district and has been a delegate to a number of congressional and county conventions. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

February 25, 1903, Mr. Lawless married Mrs. Ellen F. (Wolfe) Ferguson, widow of Cliff Ferguson and daughter of J. B. Wolfe. Mrs. Lawless died six years after her marriage, January 7, 1909. She was the mother of two children, William W., born March 8, 1904, and Eldon E., born November 26, 1906. William is at home with his father, while Eldon lives with an aunt. On January 4, 1911, Mr. Lawless married May Dickhut. They have one son, Kenneth D., born June 29, 1913.

**ORY A. SCOTT.** The Scott family has been identified with the southern part of Adams County for over three quarters of a century. They have been capable farmers, good citizens, and have supplied much of the work and influence through which Payson and Fall Creek Township have been developed since pioneer days.

The member of the family now under special consideration is Ory A. Scott, whose home is in Payson Township, three quarters of a mile northwest of the village of that name. He was born just a mile away, in Fall Creek Township, January 28, 1859, son of E. C. Scott. E. C. Scott was a native of New Jersey, born in 1824, and was sixteen years of age when in 1840 his parents, Samuel and Elizabeth Scott, came west and settled in Payson Township. Samuel Scott and wife lived here and died at a good old age. After reaching his majority E. C. Scott settled in Fall Creek Township, adjoining the Payson Township farm and on the main Payson and Quincy road. About 1869 he moved to the present farm of Ory A. Scott, and he lived here until his death at the age of eighty-six. E. C. Scott married Mary Leebrick, daughter of George Leebrick, who was one of the pioneer merchants of Quincy, being connected with the Dimmock firm at the corner of Fifth and Maine streets. George Leebrick died when about eighty years of age. The last fifteen years of his life he was blind and spent most of his time with E. C. Scott, but eventually died at the home of a neighbor in Missouri. Mary Leebrick was born at Quincy and died at the age of fifty-seven. She and her husband had thirteen children, four daughters and two sons coming to maturity. One son, Lynn, died at the age of seventeen.

Ory A. Scott has lived on his present farm since he was ten years of age. He had little to begin with when he reached his majority beyond a common school education and experience as a farmer, and has made his success through his own efforts. He bought out the other interests in the old homestead, and two years ago he also acquired the old Scott home in Fall Creek Township. At present he has 235 acres in his home farm and seventy acres in Fall Creek. It all constitutes a splendid farm, devoted to stock, grain and fruit. In 1907 Mr.



Scott went to Texas and acquired some interests in the Panhandle country of that state, owning 320 acres there.

His father was a republican in politics until the prohibition party was formed, and he was one of the first in Payson Township to formally ally himself with that organization. The son is also a prohibitionist, and both were workers for that cause when it was by no means as popular as it is today. Mr. Scott and family are all members of the Payson Baptist Church, including his four sons, and when he was a boy that was the leading church in this part of the county.

At the age of twenty-three Mr. Scott married Miss Mollie Harrell, who came when a child from North Carolina to Payson Township with her widowed mother, Rebecca Harrell. Mr. and Mrs. Scott had a family of five sons, one of whom died in childhood. Ira E. lives on his father's ranch in Hartley County, Texas, and is married and has three children. Noble H., on the old Scott farm in Fall Creek Township, has a daughter, Tamar Blanche. Harvey L., occupying part of the home farm, has four children, Russell, Thomas, Elizabeth and Loyd. Otis L., who also operates part of the home farm, which has three complete sets of buildings, is married and has a daughter, Margaret, and a son, Harrell.

CHARLES C. BANGERT is an enviable citizen of Ellington Township, owner of a fine farm in section 2, a thoroughly progressive agriculturist and a citizen whose name is spoken with the respect it deserves throughout a wide community.

Since 1895 he has owned his farm of 111 acres. It has a fine house of seven rooms built several years ago, and in 1912 he erected a substantial modern barn 36 by 42 feet. The land has a good natural drainage, and is capable of growing all the crops fitted to this soil and climate. Mr. Bangert keeps some fine livestock, and for a number of years has been a successful dairyman. He has a herd of about a dozen good grade cows, and uses them for the production of cream and makes about 1,000 pounds of butter every year. Mr. Bangert also raises a number of sheep. He is a practical all around farmer, capable of handling any class of livestock, and has also proved equal to the emergencies that at times confront every farmer.

Mr. Bangert was born in McKee Township of Adams County October 7, 1860, but has lived in Ellington Township for over half a century since early boyhood. He has always been a farmer, and since 1895 has owned and occupied his present place.

His parents were Charles F. and Mary (Wollet) Bangert, both natives of Germany. Charles F. Bangert was born in Germany October 18, 1834, and came to Adams County in 1853, his parents settling in Melrose Township. After six years he moved to Concord Township, and three years later to Ellington Township. The Bangert family came to America by way of New York City in a sailing vessel. The parents of Charles F. Bangert both died in Quincy. Charles F. Bangert married in Adams County Mary Wollet, who had been brought from Germany by her parents on a sailing vessel, which landed at New Orleans. The parents of Mrs. Bangert died in Gilmer Township. All of them were Lutherans. After Charles F. Bangert married he farmed as a renter for a time, and on moving to Ellington Township bought a place in section 16. There he lived thriftily and in complete enjoyment of the esteem of his neighbors and friends and died there in 1890 at the age of fifty-six. His wife was born in 1840 and died in 1902. They were members of St. John's Lutheran Church at Quincy and he was a democrat. Charles F. Bangert and wife had eight children, four sons and four daughters. Third in age among them is Charles C. Bangert. He is now the oldest of the three sons and two daughters still living. His brother Fred is married and lives in Wisconsin. Mary is the wife of Joseph Hildman, and she has a family of sons and daughters. Elizabeth has been an invalid since early childhood. Gus Bangert lives in Quincy and is a tinner by trade.

Charles C. Bangert married at Quincy May 12, 1886, Miss Mary M. Meyer. They were married in St. John's Lutheran Church by Rev. A. Willner. Mrs. Bangert was born on her father's farm in Ellington Township January 15,

1863, and attended the Franklin district school in her girlhood. Her parents were John and Caroline (Ochse) Meyer. John Meyer was born in Germany and came to this country alone on a sailing vessel, and was a farmer in Adams County for many years. His wife was born in Adams County in 1832, daughter of Jacob and Maria Ochse, both natives of Germany, but among the very earliest settlers of Adams County as the date just mentioned indicates. The Ochse family put up with all the conditions and hardships of the pioneer country of Ellington Township, buying new land, making homes that lacked most of the comforts and conveniences, and only after many years seeing their foresight and energy rewarded by well tilled fields and comfortable houses. Mr. Meyer died there at the age of sixty-five. His first wife died when only thirty-three years of age. The Meyers were charter members of the Salem Evangelical Church at Quincy. In the Meyer family besides Mrs. Bangert were the following children: John Meyer, a Gilmer Township farmer, who is married and has two sons and three daughters; Jacob J., a resident of Portland, Oregon, and father of two sons and one daughter; Charles, who died after his marriage in Ellington Township and left one daughter, his wife being now deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Bangert's family of children are the following: George, who is unmarried and is still at home; Emma, who was born in 1888 and died at the entrance to young womanhood in 1907; Laura, wife of John F. Disselhorst, an Ellington Township farmer and mother of two children, Lloyd and Garner; Amanda R. F., who is still at home; and Clara Emma, who like her sisters was well educated in the local public schools and also attended the Gem City Business College and is also at home. The family are all members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Bangert is a democrat and has filled the office of township tax collector.

WILLIAM O. LARIMORE, son of Albert W. and Julia (Pottle) Larimore, has done much to carry on the reputation of the Larimore and Pottle families for their steadfast industry and successful farm management which have been characteristic of the names in the southern part of Adams County for three generations. He is owner of a fine farm, the original Pottle homestead, located  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of Plainville and eighteen miles southeast of Quincy.

Mr. Larimore was born May 26, 1863, in Payson Township. As a boy he lived at home with his father, attended the local schools and spent one winter in the Knox College preparatory school.

September 30, 1885, Mr. Larimore married Miss Blanche Humphrey, of Burton Township, her birth occurring in Burton Village June 25, 1864. She is a daughter of William and Cinderella (Childers) Humphrey. Her mother was brought to Adams County as a child from Grant County, Kentucky, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Childers. Joseph Childers died when his granddaughter Blanche was six years old. William Humphrey came to this county at the age of fifteen with his parents, John G. and Mary (Vickers) Humphrey, who established their home in Burton Township. William Humphrey served as deputy sheriff and was sheriff at the close of the war. He had under his charge at the county jail two horse thieves, and they were taken from him and hanged by a mob. After his official term he returned to Burton Township, later moved to McDonough County, but spent his last years in Adams County, where he died at the age of sixty-two. His widow survived him eighteen months and passed away at the age of fifty-seven. There were seven children in the Humphrey family by two marriages. Six are still living: Mary, Mrs. Thomas Spence of Peoria; Gill M., who died at the age of fifty-eight; Thomas L., a retired farmer of McComb; Alice, Mrs. G. M. Muhl, of Denver, Indiana; James, a mine superintendent at Idaho Springs, Colorado; Charles P., a farmer in Missouri; and Blanche, Mrs. Larimore.

In 1887 Mr. and Mrs. Larimore moved to their present home on the old Pottle estate of 160 acres. He has subsequently acquired other land until his total acreage is 298. Twenty-six acres of this is a high class apple orchard.







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However, his chief dependence in the way of farming has been stock raising. For a number of years he was a breeder of Aberdeen Angus cattle and draft horses. He has been more of a stock feeder than a breeder, having about sixty head of cattle and handles about 200 hogs yearly.

The substantial home in which Mr. Larimore lives was built by his grandfather fully seventy-five years ago. It cost \$5,000, was made of brick manufactured nearby, and was the first brick house in the township and at that time the largest and most commodious residence. Mr. Larimore recently had the house stuccoed with cement, increasing its warmth and durability. He also built a large barn in 1905. He has had no inclination to hold office and has steadfastly refused any tenders in that direction. He, like many other Americans of the modern generation, has chosen an independent course in politics and is now what might be described as a Wilson republican. He and his family attend the Congregational Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Larimore have the following children: Humphrey, of Richfield Township, who married Edna Inman, and their three children are Carl, Maurice and Donald. Harry, a farmer on part of his father's land, married Nellie Linthicum, and they have two children, Carson and Frances Mae. Mae, who attended the Payson High School and the Illinois State Normal University, was a teacher for four years in Adams and McDonough counties, and is taking the nurse's training course at Blessing Hospital in Quincy. She is living at home with her parents. Edna is the wife of J. B. Thompson, of Fall Creek Township. Alice is a graduate of the Payson High School and for three years has taught in the Whitcomb School in Adams County. Ray and Merle are school-boys, the former in the Payson High School.

JOSEPH H. BLOMER, M. D. Highly educated, a polished gentleman and thoroughly capable physician and surgeon, Doctor Blomer has gained a place of recognized skill and prominence in the medical fraternity of Quincy, where he has practiced for ten years. His offices are in the Mercantile Building.

Doctor Blomer is a graduate both in the literary and medical departments of the University of Chicago. He graduated in medicine at Rush Medical College with the class of 1906, and post graduate work in the Post Graduate Medical School of New York for a year, and then entered St. Anthony's Hospital in Denver, Colorado, for a year. In 1908 he returned to Quincy, and besides his service to an increasing private clientele he has for six years been a member of St. Mary's Hospital staff. He is a member of the County and State Medical societies and the American Medical Association.

Doctor Blomer was born in Quincy July 30, 1877, and before entering the University of Chicago completed the business, literary and philosophical courses in St. Francis College of this city. He spent six years in the University of Chicago. Doctor Blomer represents one of the old and substantial German families of Quincy. His grandparents came here during the '30s. Doctor Blomer is a son of Henry John and Anna (Klatte) Blomer, both natives of Germany. A portrait and more complete sketch of the father is found on other pages of this work. They were brought to this country when young by their respective parents, landing in New Orleans and going first to Cincinnati and then to Quincy. They married in this county, and Henry John Blomer for a number of years followed the trade of brick mason and building contractor. He constructed a number of the substantial business blocks of Quincy. He was in that business until 1872, but for several years had devoted his energies during the winter seasons to the killing and packing of pork. He finally concentrated all his attention on that industry and is listed among the prominent pork packers of the city from the '70s on until his death in April, 1906. He was a hard working man and a very intelligent and public spirited citizen. He was always a democrat and for some years represented his ward in the city council. His widow died at the old home in Quincy in

February, 1911. Both were about seventy-three years old when they passed away, and both had been members for years of St. Francis Catholic Church. Doctor Blomer has a brother, John, of Quincy, and three sisters: Anna, wife of Joseph B. C. Freiburg, a shoe merchant of Quincy, of whom mention is found on other pages of this work; Christine Tibesar, who with her husband lives at Quincy, and they have a family of children; and Miss Ida, of Quincy.

Doctor Blomer married in 1915 Mrs. Idelle (Martin) McDavitt. She was born near Centralia, Illinois, daughter of the late Reverend Martin, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Her father was for many years Secretary of Foreign Missions of the Christian Church, and during the girlhood of Mrs. Blomer took his family abroad to England, where he did church missionary work for some years. Thus Mrs. Blomer was educated in the schools of England. Prior to her marriage she was a teacher in the public schools of Quincy, Illinois. She is a member of the Episcopal Church of Quincy, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Dorothy Quincy Chapter, Colonial Dames, and Daughters of 1812, while Doctor Blomer retains membership in the church in which he was reared, St. Francis Catholic Church. He is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Western Catholic Union.

**ALBERT MEYER.** Burton Township is the home of this live and progressive farmer citizen of Adams County. He lives two miles southwest of Adams Post-office, his farm meeting the township line on the south.

Mr. Meyer has spent all his life in Adams County, and is esteemed in his community as a man of much capability both as a farmer and as a good citizen. He was born in Melrose Township December 25, 1868, son of Frank and Caroline (Mast) Meyer. His father, who was born in Baden, Germany, lost both his parents there when he was a boy and was placed in the care of his oldest brother, Landelin. At the age of sixteen he accompanied his brother and wife to America, and after a short time in New York he began earning his living at farm work at wages of \$16 a month during the summer. He married in Quincy Caroline Mast, who was born in Melrose Township on the farm where Frank Meyer is still living. Her father, John B. Mast, was a prominent early citizen of that locality. Mrs. Frank Meyer spent all her life on the old farm and died in 1900, at the age of fifty-seven. Frank Meyer is now eighty-two years of age, and is practically retired from active responsibilities, the farm being conducted by his son John. There were five children: Regina, Mrs. John Vogel of Melrose Township; Theodore, a farmer in Burton Township; John, on the old homestead; Albert; and Henry, connected with the Standard Oil Company at Quincy.

Albert Meyer lived at home with his parents to the age of twenty-two, acquiring his education in the local schools. He then spent 2½ years in Quincy learning the blacksmith's trade, worked in different shops, and was also a general worker for six years. For two years he was employed by the month by August Kaltenbach in Burton Township. November 15, 1898, he married the daughter of his employer, Rosina Kaltenbach.

For the next fourteen years they rented the Kaltenbach farm, Mrs. Meyer's father living with them until his death April 10, 1917. It was the desire of August Kaltenbach that his daughter, Mrs. Meyer, should have the old home place, and in 1912 he sold the farm to them. Each of his children also had an interest and share and Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have since bought out the other interests. Mr. Meyer has done much to further improve the farm, erecting cow sheds and other outbuildings. The main house and barn were built by Mr. Kaltenbach. The farm is a fine body of land and is very productive.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have three children, all at home, Clara, Alvina and Oscar. Mr. Meyer is a democrat in national politics but independent locally. He and his wife are Catholics and they attend St. Bridget's Church at Liberty five miles away, their home being ten miles from St. Anthony's Church.



**EDWARD H. DEDERT.** Of Adams County's pioneers few couples who came as emigrants made such excellent provision for themselves and their children, lived more industriously, frugally, and met all the obligations of citizenship more truly than did William Dedert and his wife. Their record in full is traced on other pages. Here it is proposed to speak briefly on the career of one of their sons, Edward H. Dedert.

He was born in Ellington Township in 1867 and grew up on the home farm, accustomed to hard work, to discipline at home, and was trained to be honest as well as strong and be straightforward and trustworthy in all things. He received such advantages as were afforded by the local district schools, and since reaching manhood has been very successful as a farmer.

He received his share of the estate at the death of his parents, and twenty-six years ago he bought a fraction over sixty-three acres in section 3 of Ellington Township, located near the little village of Bloomfield. Of this he has made a splendid farm, in every way attractive and valuable, and highly productive. His barn is 30 by 60 feet and he has a good seven-room house, besides other good buildings. He grows crops of all kinds, and excepting the wheat feeds all the grain and other produce on the land to his graded livestock. In 1907 he also bought just across the line in Mendon Township seventy-six acres, and this also has building improvements and constitutes a farm by itself. It is chiefly used for the production of Shropshire sheep. Mr. Dedert raises a large amount of feed stuffs on his land, and fattens hogs, cattle and sheep for the market.

Besides farming he has been quite active in local affairs and in politics is a republican. Especially noteworthy was his fifteen years of service as highway commissioner, for one period of six years and another period of nine years. Altogether these fifteen years represented a high water mark in the care and improvement of the local highways. He has also taken a keen interest in every other matter of general concern and especially the patriotic movements of the recent year or so.

In Quincy in April, 1892, Mr. Dedert married Miss Carrie E. Burgdhoff. She was born in Melrose Township November 5, 1867, and attended the public schools and the Lutheran Parochial School. Mrs. Dedert is a daughter of Charles H. and Mary (Frazier) Burgdhoff, both natives of Germany. Her father was born in Hanover in June, 1836, and crossed the Atlantic on a sailing vessel in 1844, arriving at New Orleans and coming up the Mississippi River to Marion County, Missouri. His wife was born in October, 1845, and came to America with her parents, who were farmers and lived on a small place on East Broadway in Adams County. Mrs. Dedert's parents were married in Quincy and her father died June 7, 1916, when nearly eighty years of age, and her mother on March 7, 1901. They were faithful members from confirmation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mrs. Dedert was one of a family of six daughters and one son, all of whom are living and married, and there are two daughters deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Dedert have two sturdy young sons. Elmer C., the older, was born May 23, 1895, and his name appears on the honor roll of Adams County as one of the country's soldiers. He was a corporal in Company H of the Forty-fifth Regiment, stationed at Camp Sheridan in Alabama. The younger son, Irwin, born October 9, 1905, is still pursuing his studies in the public schools of Bloomfield. All the family are members of the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church at Quincy.

**JOHN IHRIG.** It is probable that every stock man in the country who is a handler or admirer of the Percheron horses knows by reputation at least Mr. John Ihrig of Adams County. As a breeder and raiser of this fine stock Mr. Ihrig has a reputation far beyond the limits of Adams County. The registry list of the Percheron Association might be searched in vain for any animals that point higher than those that have been owned on the Ihrig farm. Thus Mr. Ihrig and his father, both long known to the substantial farming

interests of Adams County, have contributed something substantial to making their home locality better known over the world at large.

Mr. John Ihrig was born at La Prairie in Northeast Township in July, 1883. His parents are George and Susan (Lummis) Ihrig. His mother was born in Adams County in 1851, a daughter of John Lummis, one of the native pioneers of the county and member of a family frequently referred to in these pages. George Ihrig was born in Melrose Township of this county in 1855, son of Henry Ihrig, who came here in the early days from Germany. Henry Ihrig owned a farm of 160 acres in Melrose Township, where he spent his last years. George Ihrig was reared on a farm, had his education from the local schools and by his own observation and experience, and as an independent farmer he lived for some years in Northeast Township, but in 1888 removed to the farm where he and his son have their affairs in common. In 1904 George Ihrig retired and moved to a comfortable home in the village of Golden. He is a republican voter and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. There were only two children in the family, John Henry and Clara Belle. The daughter died in infancy.

John Ihrig grew up on the farm where he now lives, attended the public schools at Golden and graduated from the Maplewood High School at Camp Point in 1904. Since then he has been giving all the energy and intelligence he possesses to the business of his choice, farming and stock breeding. Mr. Ihrig owns eighty acres adjoining the homestead, works the home place of 160 acres, and he and his father also have 200 acres in Columbus Township, which is under the immediate supervision of John Ihrig. In their stables they have six high class registered stallions of the Percheron breed, and they also keep a jack, and have a number of high grade Duroc Jerseys hogs. One of their Percheron mares won third prize at the International Stock Show at Springfield, Illinois. They also own a stallion which was awarded the first prize and the championship as a two year old at Paris, France, where it was in competition with many of the finest of its class from the original home of the Percherons.

Mr. John Ihrig votes the republican ticket, but he is too busy with his stock and farm to accept the cares and vexations of office. He is affiliated with Golden Lodge No. 267, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, with Camp Point Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and is a member of Golden Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are active in the Eastern Star. March 22, 1905, he married Miss Mildred Blanche Callahan. She was born in Columbus Township of this county in 1886, daughter of Wesley and a granddaughter of John Callahan, whose name also deserves mention as one of the pioneers of Adams County. Mr. and Mrs. Ihrig have two children: Clara Pauline and Eugene Lummis.

JOHN RODNEY LAMBERT, M. D. True to the title that follows his name Doctor Lambert is a physician and has practiced in Adams County a great many years. However, his chief business now and what makes him most widely known over the state is as a horticulturist. Doctor Lambert has been in the commercial orchard business for a number of years, has a tract of splendid trees on his place near Coatsburg, and another large orchard at Barry. He took up fruit growing as an occupation for old age, has given it thorough study, and has managed it in such a way that few individual business enterprises in the county pay better returns than his orchard.

Doctor Lambert was born in Quincy October 23, 1867, a son of John H. and Hattie R. (Evatt) Lambert. His father was born in Virginia in 1832, son of Daniel Lambert. Daniel Lambert spent a number of years in Maryland. His son John and Rodney came to Quincy, Illinois, about 1855, and was soon followed by their father, Daniel Lambert, who had a farm in Liberty Township, two miles northwest of the village of that name, and died there. John H. Lambert secured a steamboat agency at Quincy, and he and his brother



were associated in that business and as grain handlers for a number of years. Rodney eventually became identified with the Eagle Mills. John H. Lambert died in July, 1868, at the age of thirty-six, and before Doctor Lambert was a year old. His widow, Hattie (Evatt) Lambert, was a daughter of William and Emily (Marshall) Evatt. She and John H. Lambert were married in 1862 at Mendon. William Evatt at one time operated the mills at Mendon and after the war at Fall Creek. During the war he served as a sutler in the army. Mrs. John H. Lambert was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, July 1, 1841, and was brought to Quincy in 1856, the family traveling by steamboat. Her father died at Quincy when past eighty years of age. Mrs. Hattie Lambert is still living, and is a second time a widow, Mrs. Frank Homan, with her home at Quincy. Her brother, Frank Evatt, is a railway man at Cincinnati, and her sister, Anna, is Mrs. Drew, wife of the superintendent of telegraph of the Soo Railway at Chicago. Mrs. Hattie Lambert had two sons, William dying in early boyhood as the result of an accident.

John H. Lambert was a very prominent Mason and Lambert Lodge was named in his honor. He filled the chair of master in that lodge for some years, and his son, Doctor Lambert, has his sword and regalia as a Knight Templar. The boyhood of Doctor Lambert was spent in Quincy, and he began the study of medicine under Doctor Nickerson. He is a graduate with the class of 1889 from the Medical College of Chicago, and in 1890 received a diploma for post-graduate work from the University of Pennsylvania. After two years of practice at Quincy he moved to Mendon, practiced there two years, and in 1895 located at Coatsburg, which has been his home ever since.

It was his interest in outdoor life, especially trees and other growings things, that drew him into the profession of orchardist. In 1902 he planted 1,000 apple, pear and other fruit trees on his place at Coatsburg. Later he bought the Charles Williams orchard in Pike County. This contains sixty-five acres, and altogether he has 100 acres in fruit. The orchard he developed at Coatsburg has been especially profitable, and he has given it his closest personal supervision for many years. In recent years his apple trees have produced crops ranging from four to eight barrels apiece. Modern methods prevail in all departments of his business. He practices thorough cultivation, looks after the health of the tree as carefully as he would that of a human being, and safeguards his crops against the usual pests, and this care is fully justified by the results he obtains. He has frequently exhibited his fruit at horticultural societies and fairs, and is a life member of the State Horticultural Society. Doctor Lambert has been most successful as a grower of the Ben Davis, Gano, Grimes Golden and Jonathan apples. He estimates that his crop for 1914 paid for the cost of the land, the trees and all the labor put upon them. His usual average net returns amounts to \$150 an acre. His orchard at Barry is situated in one of the most ideal fruit growing localities in Illinois.

Doctor Lambert is also serving as postmaster at Coatsburg, but the active duties of that office are assumed by his wife. June 20, 1894, at West Point, Illinois, he married Miss Nellie Carlin. They first became acquainted while she was working as stenographer at the Ertle Hay Press Works. Her father, the late Franklin Carlin, was a farmer of Gilmer Township and a veteran of the Civil war. Mrs. Lambert was born near Columbus in Gilmer Township January 23, 1875. Her parents came to Illinois from Maryland and her mother was eighteen and her father twenty-one at the time of their marriage. Her father spent most of his life in Hancock County. Mrs. Lambert has a sister, Mrs. Frank Gibbs, at Coatsburg. Doctor Lambert is an active member of the Masonic order.

He and his wife have two children, Dana C. and Doris. The latter is a student in high school. The son, Dana C., after graduating from high school spent two years in the State University and for one year was employed in the Marmon Automobile Works at Indianapolis. With the declaration of war against Germany he entered the officers training camp at Fort Sheridan, re-



ceived his commission as a second lieutenant, and has since been assigned to duty at Camp Grant, where he is a member of the Eighth Battalion of the One Hundred and Sixty-first Depot Brigade. Lieutenant Lambert married Miss Marian Parkin, daughter of Rev. Mr. Parkin of Indianapolis. For a number of seasons she has been a very popular singer and Chautauqua entertainer.

FRED W. BRINKOETTER. Widely and favorably known through his connection with the granite and marble industry of Adams County, Fred W. Brinkoetter, of Quincy, is devoting his time and talents to the making of durable and artistic monuments, and as proprietor of the granite works located at 1019 South Fifth Street is carrying on a large and substantial business. Coming of German ancestry on both sides of the house, he was born in Quincy February 16, 1875.

His father, John H. Brinkoetter, was born and brought up in Germany. Leaving the fatherland when young, he came to the United States, hoping in this land of thrift and plenty to find remunerative employment. Learning the trade of a blacksmith, he located in Quincy, Illinois, and having established a smithy at the corner of State and Ninth streets was there prosperously engaged in his occupation until his death in 1876, while yet in manhood's prime.

Having obtained a practical common school education, Fred W. Brinkoetter made use of his natural mechanical gifts by learning the trade of a granite cutter, which he afterward followed for a year in Pennsylvania. Returning to Quincy at the end of that period, before he had yet attained his majority, he started in the monumental business on his own account, succeeding the firm of Louis A. Rupp. Succeeding far beyond his expectations in his venture, and his large and increasing volume of trade demanding better quarters, he built at 1019 South Fifth Street, the fine brick and stone building, 40 by 110 feet, which he now occupies, and is carrying on business with the same good success.

FRANKLIN T. BRENNER, M. D., who grew up as a farm boy in Mendon Township, early manifested an intense ambition for a medical career, and though he had to make his own way through college and university his present position as a physician and surgeon justifies all his efforts and his choice of a calling.

Doctor Brenner, who has offices in the Illinois State Bank Building, graduated from Rush Medical College at Chicago in 1895. Practically his entire professional career has been a continued course of study and increasing abilities in which he has capitalized his experience and almost every year has spent a couple of months in post-graduate work and clinical and hospital observation, usually in Chicago.

Doctor Brenner located at Quincy in 1896, and for a time his earnings as a physician were hardly sufficient to pay his office rent. As his abilities became better known and appreciated he accumulated a splendid practice, and in addition to this he has served for the past three years as a surgeon and is now a member of the medical staff of St. Mary's Hospital. He is also a member of the Adams County and State Medical societies, and has held office in the state society.

Doctor Brenner was born on his father's farm in section 25 of Mendon Township of this county February 15, 1871. He attended country schools and also spent four years in Chaddock College at Quincy, where he was graduated with the bachelor and master's degrees in art in 1893. His parents were Henry and E. Rebecca (Heckman) Brenner, both natives of Germany. They came to Adams County when young, met and married here, and their first home was a log cabin. They started life poor, and prospered through the exercise of the utmost thrift and frugality. Henry Brenner died on his old farm near Mendon in 1908, at the age of seventy-six. His widow is still living

with her daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Callahan. Though eighty-four years of age, she is remarkably well preserved, and is as free from aches and pains as many women of forty. She was confirmed in the German Lutheran Church in her native country. Henry Brenner was a republican voter.

Doctor Brenner has a brother, George, who is in the drug business and is married and has three children. His brother John A. is a Quincy furniture merchant. Two other brothers, Joseph and Edward, are farmers at Louisiana, Missouri, and both have families. The three sisters are Elizabeth, Mary and Anna. Elizabeth is a trained nurse at the Soldiers Home at Quincy. Mary is the wife of Dr. W. S. Knapheide, a Quincy physician. Mrs. Anna Callahan lives on the old home farm in Adams County and is the mother of three children.

Doctor Brenner married at Chicago the year he graduated from Rush Medical College Miss Ethel Nixon. She was born and reared in that city. They have three children: Russel A., aged eighteen, a senior in the Western Military Academy at Alton, Illinois; Paul, aged ten; and Frank, aged eight. Doctor Brenner is a member of Herman Lodge of Masons, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church.

VALENTINE REUSCHEL is one of the men whose lives have been of constructive endeavor and quiet but good citizenship in Adams County. For years he employed the proceeds of his labors as an agriculturist in Honey Creek Township, and has reached that point in years where he is content to turn over the burdens of farm management to his sons and enjoy the accumulations of past years in the companionship of children and grandchildren and his many friends.

Mr. Reuschel was born in Saxe Oldenburg, Germany, November 5, 1833. He lived a life of much activity until he was fourscore years of age. In 1855 he came to America and joined relatives and friends in Adams County. An old friend, Fred Guenther, and other members of that family had come from the same part of Germany to Adams County about two years previously. Valentine Reuschel's father, Andrew, had arrived six months previously and had bought the land where Valentine Reuschel now lives. It was in association with his father that Valentine Reuschel gained his first experience as an American farmer. His father paid \$25 an acre for 240 acres of land in Honey Creek Township. Andrew Reuschel brought with him from Germany a small capital and it was invested in this farm. Valentine Reuschel saw eighteen months of service in the German army, though it was a time of peace, and he was never in battle. His father died in Adams County at the age of seventy-four and his mother at seventy-two. They had four children. Gustina married Michael Geibert and died young. The second in age is Valentine. Julius had a farm in Gilmer Township, and died when seventy years of age. He married Minnie King, who is still living. Hermann lives four miles east of Golden on a farm and has attained the age of seventy-three.

During more than sixty years of residence on one farm Valentine Reuschel has contributed many improvements and has witnessed vast changes in the growth and development of a community. He built the substantial house in which he now lives in 1865, erected barns and kept the fields producing, the land growing better instead of worse, and contrived to prosper year in and year out. He found his greatest joy in outdoor activity, and has lived a retired life about fifteen years.

He married Christian Lock, who was eighteen years of age at the time of her marriage. She was a sister of Ed Lock of Quincy. Mrs. Reuschel died at Coatsburg three years ago. Her children were: Anna, who married Adam Koch and died young; Henry; Bertha, who died in young womanhood; Ida, who is the wife of Ed Simons, of Honey Creek Township, and has one child, Clarence; Pauline, who married Henry Rohe and died at the age of forty-two, the mother of two children, Walter and Irene; William, who lives on one of his father's farms and married Annie Janssen.



Henry Reuschel, who now has the management of his father's farm, was born January 2, 1868, in the same house where he now resides. The land under his direct care and supervision comprises 120 acres, and he is one of the many successful farmers and stockmen in this community. His chief stock is the Poland China hogs, and he sends about sixty head to market every year. Mr. Henry Reuschel served two terms as tax collector of the township, and during that time collected about \$9,000 annually. For the past twenty-one years he has given service as a trustee of the local school board. On his own farm stands a building used as a granary which was the school building of the district when he first went to school. Both he and his father are democrats, and they have long been among the leading supporters and contributors to the Lutheran Church at Coatsburg. Henry Reuschel married Miss Amelia Doeringh, of Gilmer Township, daughter of Waldemor and Marie (Fuehr) Doeringh.

**WILLIAM F. HARRIS.** The life and affairs of the community of Payson Township, especially around Plainville, have been touched at many points by members of the Harris family. The Harrises came here at the very beginning of permanent settlement, more than eighty-five years ago, and including the youngest members of the last generation there have been five generations to live in this community.

The founders of the family here were Nathaniel D. and Margaret (Bishop) Harris, both of whom were natives of Wythe County, Virginia. In 1830 Nathaniel D. Harris came west and acquired a tract of land in Adams County. He brought his family about the same time and had just completed the erection of a cabin and moved in when the deep snow of the winter of 1831-32 fell. They had no difficulty in procuring an abundance of meat from the wild game then so abundant, but they were compelled to pound corn for meal. Seven years later the Harris family bought land on Stone's Prairie in Payson Township and Nathaniel Harris and wife spent the rest of their days there. His first settlement was in Richfield Township in the midst of the dense timber. Nathaniel Harris died when past fourscore years of age. One of his sons, Emory, died in Payson Township when about forty years of age. Another, named William, at the age of seventeen left Adams County and went to Portland, Oregon, where he was a merchant and ice manufacturer and died at the age of eighty-two.

Franklin Harris, son of Nathaniel D. Harris, was born in Wythe County, Virginia, September 12, 1823, and was seven years old when he came to Adams County. There were few schools and those of a very primitive character during his boyhood. He early learned the art of frontier life, did practical work as a farmer, and on May 18, 1848, at the age of twenty-four, he married Emily L. Shaw. She was born in Oswego County, New York, in March, 1827, and was reared in Pike County, Illinois. After his marriage Franklin Harris moved to the farm now occupied by William F. Harris. All but fifteen acres of that land was covered with a heavy growth of timber. He worked steadily and effectively for a number of years to bring the fields under cultivation, and was a farmer until March 10, 1870, when he bought a store in Plainville. Thereafter for fifteen years he was the leading merchant of that village, and also kept and to some degree supervised the operation of his farm of 160 acres. For five years prior to 1877 he also served as postmaster at Plainville. In 1885 he retired from the store and lived in the village until his death on November 12, 1902. His wife died February 24, 1913. They were happily married for over half a century. Franklin Harris never held any public office after that of postmaster. He was a republican and especially active in the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving as class leader. He was a charter member of Payson Lodge of Masons. That lodge was organized in an upper room in his house on the farm. He became a past master and was active in the order all his life. He was buried with the Masonic ritual. The house which is still standing on the farm was built by Franklin Harris in 1864 and the barn was erected in the preceding year, both structures having stood the storm and wear of more than half a century. Frank-







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lin Harris and wife had seven children. The oldest, Lucy E., died at the age of fifteen. Mollie J. is the widow of Frank Robinson and lives at Plainville. Anna Lee was the wife of Albert D. Lester, and she died at Guthrie, Oklahoma, at the age of fifty-two, having left Adams County about twenty-eight years ago.

William F. Harris was born in the house where he now lives May 16, 1866. His home and farm is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles southwest of Plainville and twenty miles southeast of Quincy. As a boy he attended the local schools in Plainville, and was also a student in Chaddock College at Quincy during 1881-82. He had plenty to do working and clerking in his father's store, and in 1885, when his father retired from business, he succeeded him and continued merchandising there until 1889, when he sold the store to his brother-in-law, Mr. Lester. In 1890 he returned to the home farm and has found satisfaction and profit in looking after that business ever since. He acquired the interests of his sisters and has added considerable area to its cultivation, having the entire farm keyed up to a high standard of production.

November 8, 1887, Mr. Harris married Eva Cane. She was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, and during her girlhood spent a few years in Nebraska. Later she finished her education in the schools at Plainville, and was seventeen years of age at the time of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have four living children. Clarence is a partner with his brother-in-law, Arthur Richmond, as a farmer. He married Ella Gaines and has two children, Irma and Iona. Lura, the wife of Arthur Richmond, lives on a farm adjoining that of her father, and has two children, Ivan and Junior. Anna is the wife of George R. Clark and is now living at home with her parents while her husband is in the service. He is a veterinary with the United States Army now located at Newport News, Virginia, and prior to entering the army service practiced at Golden. Edith Harris is a well trained and talented musician and is still at home. Mr. Harris has filled all the chairs in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and several times has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge. He is also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America.

JOHN G. BLOMER. Many of the city's most substantial interests revolve around the name Blomer, and as a family they have been a factor in Quincy life for nearly seventy years.

The first generation here was represented by John Blomer, who was born in the Kingdom of Hanover March 30, 1794. He married Christine Maria Brinkman, who was born June 6, 1804. The passport which was issued to them at Muenster February 22, 1843, is an interesting document still cherished by their grandson, John G. Blomer. They had just enough money to pay their passage over the ocean, and on reaching St. Louis John Blomer learned of the presence of a Catholic priest in Quincy, through whose influence he came to this city. Being very poor, he worked as a day laborer, and later was a farmer. He was naturalized in 1850. His old home was on Hampshire Street between Eleventh and Tenth. That is the only original building still standing on that side of the street. When it was put up it was almost at the edge of town. John Blomer died December 2, 1869, and his widow survived him many years, passing away February 16, 1883. They had six children: Adelheit, who married George Hoelker, a farmer in Melrose Township, who died at the age of thirty-two. Adelheit died February 20, 1905. She was the mother of four children, and the three to reach mature years were: Elizabeth, wife of Bernard Berter, a well known grocery merchant on Vine and Twelfth streets; Carolina, wife of Bernard Schlagen, of Quincy; and Christina, who never married and spent her life with her mother. Johann Gerhard Joseph, the second in age, was a tanner by trade, and his four children are all living: Christine, of Hannibal; Thomas, of Texas; Joseph, of El Paso, Texas; and Frank. The next in the family was Johann Heinrich or Henry. Johann Bernhard, the fourth, moved to Waco, Texas, but died at Quincy. Johanna Christina married George Busker and both died in Texas.



Maria Anna became a Sister of Notre Dame, was for many years connected with an institution at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and died at the age of sixty-five.

Henry Blomer, who was born in Hanover, Germany, November 10, 1833, was ten years of age when brought to Quincy. Here he attended the St. Boniface School one year, and also spent one year in a Methodist school. He learned the brick laying trade, and later became a contractor in company with Robert McComb, one of the early day contractors of Quincy. Still later he was associated in business with the father of the late Mayor Steinbach. He was a general brick contractor, put up store blocks, residences, and during Civil war times, when building operations were largely suspended, he put up the old distillery smoke stack south of town. He was paid only \$1.50 a day for the work. When the stack was completed he had to take down the staging himself as no workman was willing to risk his life for \$1.50 a day. Not long afterward his business was seriously affected by labor strikes. He survived two of them, but the third left him practically bankrupt. During the dull season in the building trade Henry Blomer packed pork at Quincy. He was associated in that enterprise with C. A. Vanden Boom, and thus brought about the establishment of the noted firm of Vanden Boom & Blomer, for many years leading pork packers at Quincy, with plant at Tenth and Broadway. Every winter they would kill from 500 to 600 hogs per day. Eventually Mr. Vanden Boom retired from the partnership, and was succeeded by Blomer, Wolf & Michal, and when Mr. Wolf retired to engage in the harness business the firm remained Blomer & Michal. They finally incorporated as the Blomer & Michal Company, and Henry continued as active head of the enterprise, with a plant at Front and Delaware streets. Eventually this business was crippled by a fire, and soon afterwards was closed out. Henry Blomer died May 20, 1906, after a long and active life. At the time of his death he was a director in the Mercantile Trust & Savings Bank, and had been one of the first directors of the Quincy Grocery Company but sold his interest in that enterprise. For one term he was an alderman and was a democratic voter. In early life he was a member of the Concordia Singing Society and also belonged to the old volunteer fire company. He was married in St. Boniface Catholic Church, and later became a member of St. Francis Church. He built his home at Fifteenth and Broadway, and the grounds of that residence are now included in St. Mary's Hospital grounds.

In St. Boniface Church May 16, 1861, Mr. Blomer married Anna Klatte, a native of Oldenburg, Germany. She died January 5, 1911, aged seventy-two. They had a family of five children: Anna B., Mrs. Joseph B. C. Freiburg; John G.; Marie Christina, Mrs. J. N. Tibesar; Ida E., who is unmarried and lives at the old home at Fifteenth and Broadway; and Joseph H., a Quincy physician.

Mr. John G. Blomer, who is now retired from active business, was born in Quincy January 26, 1870. He attended the St. Francis parochial schools, spent five years in St. Francis College, graduating with the degree Master of Accounts. He then entered actively into the business of his father, pork packing, and was treasurer of the company from its incorporation and finally succeeded to his father's interests. He remained active in this concern until it was closed out. Since then he has devoted his attention to his private affairs and is a director in the Quincy National Bank and the Quincy Building and Loan Association. He is a grand knight of Quincy Council No. 583 of the Knights of Columbus, and has been a delegate to the state convention of that order. He was chairman of the Knights of Columbus Committee for the raising of the War Fund, and when that movement was consolidated with the United War Fund he was one of the six local officials entrusted with raising the money and acting as trustees. Mr. Blomer is a member of St. Francis Catholic Church and is a democratic voter.

ANDREW BAUNER is the fortunate owner of one of the well cultivated and valuable farms of Camp Point Township, land that has responded to his efforts as an agriculturist for thirty years. He has earned all the prosperity he enjoys and his success in business and his public spirited citizenship are the chief source of the esteem in which he is held in his community.

Mr. Bauner has been an American citizen for over thirty years. He was born in Germany July 6, 1851. He was reared and educated in his native land, and came to America in 1881. He soon located at Camp Point, and for five years worked as a farm laborer and then another five years he rented the place which he now owns. Its former owner was Emery Downing. This farm is in section 16, and there Mr. Bauner bought 160 acres and later acquired fifty-seven acres in section 15. Mr. Bauner is of the class of men who are not content to own land without developing and improving it, and besides the condition of the soil which is reflected in the generous crops he has built and kept up his barns and other buildings and has all the equipment and facilities that belong to the modern stock farm. His farm is the home of some very fine Shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs and he has everything well adapted to his business as a stock farmer.

Mr. Bauner is independent in politics. He was a member of the local school board fifteen years, and is a member of the Lutheran Church. After he had been in America about twenty-five years he went back for a visit to the old country in 1905, and during the three months he was gone he acquired much knowledge of the modern Germany. On March 4, 1887, Mr. Bauner married Miss Sophia Gilbert, who was born in Adams County and represents one of the old and prominent families here. She was born at Columbus in this county August 5, 1865, daughter of Charles and Catherine (Gilbert) Gilbert. Her parents were both natives of Germany and came to Adams County about 1847. They made the journey on a sailing vessel and Charles Gilbert was twenty-seven and his wife seventeen when they arrived in Adams County. They married at Newtown, and shared their journey and its sorrows and joys for more than fifty years. From Columbus Township they moved to Gilmer Township, and were successful farmers in that community for many years. Charles Gilbert died December 15, 1905, at the age of eighty, and his wife passed away May 30, 1908, aged seventy-one. Of their fourteen children five are still living.

Mr. and Mrs. Bauner have six children: Katrine, wife of Oscar Hyer and the mother of one son, Arthur; Emma, wife of Oscar Gunther, son of Louis Gunther, one of the early settlers of Adams County; Edward, who died in infancy; John, who lives at home with his parents; Lillian and Ora, who are also members of the home circle.

FRED W. FLOETMAN has lived in Adams County sixty years, learned a mechanical trade when a youth, but spent the greater part of his active career as a successful farmer in Concord Township and is now enjoying a well earned retirement at Camp Point. Of his thorough Americanism and good citizenship no better proof could be cited than the service he rendered in the Civil war as a soldier of the Union with an Illinois regiment.

Mr. Floetman was born in Germany December 20, 1839, a son of Henry Floetman. As a boy he had the advantages of the common schools of Germany and left there in 1853, at the age of fourteen, with his parents, who settled in St. Charles, Missouri. Three years later the family moved to Quincy, where Henry Floetman followed his trade as tailor until his death in 1857. His wife died about 1859. Their two children are Hannah H. and Fred W., the former a widow living in Quincy.

The only school advantages Fred W. Floetman had in this country was while attending an English Sunday school. He first learned the tinsmith trade and later became a molder, and worked at that occupation about twenty-five years. He finally invested his earnings and savings in a farm in Concord Township,



and acquired 275 acres in that locality. This land he developed to a high degree of productiveness and value, and still owns 235 acres of it. In 1910 Mr. Floetman retired to Camp Point, where he built a fine home on Ohio Street and where he enjoys every comfort, including the society of his many friends. Mr. Floetman is a republican and is proud of the fact that he voted for Abraham Lincoln. In 1861, the first year of the war, he enlisted in Company F of the Third Illinois Cavalry, and saw active service on many of the battlefields of the South for three years. He has long been affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic and in church affairs is a Presbyterian.

Mr. Floetman married in 1865, after returning home from the war. His wife was Miss Mary Hokamp, who was born in Germany and came when about ten years of age to Quincy with her parents. She was born May 8, 1842, and died April 30, 1913, at the age of seventy-one. Her father, William Hokamp, died at Quincy during a cholera epidemic, and her mother died in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Floetman had a family of eight children. Two of them, both named Mollie, died in childhood, one when about twelve months of age and the other at the age of twelve years. William, the oldest living child, is foreman in a printing house at East St. Louis. John now occupies the old homestead farm in Concord Township. Fred is in the wholesale grocery business at Des Moines, Iowa. Minnie is the wife of W. Taylor, of Camp Point. Clara married Charles McClintock, of Adams County. The devoted companion of her father is the daughter Louise, who superintends the management of the household at the home in Camp Point.

GEORGE CRESWELL GILL is in point of service one of the oldest fire insurance men of Illinois. He is now manager of the Quincy Adjustment & Service Bureau, a constantly growing institution. He has been identified with practically every phase of fire insurance for nearly fifty years, beginning before he was of legal age.

One achievement to Mr. Gill's credit was the development of a practical schedule for rating conflagration hazard. He spent four years in devising and perfecting this system, and it is the only system in existence for applying a conflagration rating to cities and towns as units. In 1909 Mr. Gill was appointed a member of the Illinois Fire Insurance Commission by Governor Charles S. Deneen, and was a member and secretary of the commission two years. Upon him devolved much of the work which made the performance of the commission notable.

The Quincy Adjustment & Service Bureau has been in continual demand by practically all of the fire insurance companies. Mr. Gill has also been an independent operator in the insurance field, and from Quincy his service extends over the three states of Illinois, Iowa and Missouri.

For seven years Mr. Gill was sergeant at arms of the Fire Underwriters Association of the Northwest, a national organization of over 1,200 members. He is now a life member. The association meets annually at Chicago.

Mr. Gill was born at Olympian Springs, Kentucky, a property once owned by Henry Clay and subsequently purchased by his grandfather, Col. George Lansdowne, and later owned by his father, Harrison Gill. His father was mainly instrumental in raising a regiment for the Union Army, and his only brother served as captain in that regiment. George C. Gill, despite the fact that his early youth was spent in a region of Kentucky mountaineers, had the home influence and social environment of the finest type, and had a good fundamental education to develop his talents. Mr. Gill is widely known as an author and has contributed many interesting sketches to magazines of general circulation in addition to numerous technical articles on insurance. He is author of a novel, published about ten years ago, "Beyond the Blue Grass," in which he has set down many of his early studies, observations and



experiences of the Kentucky mountaineers, including the moonshiners and other typical characters of that region.

After the war Mr. Gill removed to Illinois, and practically ever since has been engaged in the insurance business, chiefly as special agent, inspector, and adjuster. He came to Quincy in 1902 and was manager of the Quincy Inspection Bureau until 1909. He had previously lived for a number of years in Chicago. Mr. Gill was chairman of the committee which had in charge the unveiling of the monument to George Rogers Clark in 1909, an occasion which was honored by the presence of the governor of Illinois and many notables from other states.

Mr. Gill married at Tuscola, Illinois, where he had his headquarters in the insurance business for a number of years, Miss Jennie Bright. Mrs. Gill, who died in January, 1916, was born at Clinton, Indiana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Bright. Her father represented an old and prominent Virginia family. Her mother, whose maiden name was Susanna Harrison, belonged to the noted Harrison family of Virginia, a family which has given this nation two presidents, two mayors of Chicago, and also the Hon. James O. Harrison, who succeeded Henry Clay as representative from Kentucky in Congress. Her great-grandfather, Thomas Harrison, founded the Town of Harrisburg, Virginia. When Mrs. Gill was a small girl she moved to Tuscola, Illinois, with her father. She was the only surviving member of nine children. Mrs. Gill had a great following of loyal friends not only in Quincy but in other parts of Illinois. She was a woman of great literary taste and judgment, had a charming personality, and was a beautiful character both in her home and in society. Mr. and Mrs. Gill had two sons and two daughters. Albin B. Gill is now in the government railway mail service as chief clerk between St. Louis and Detroit on the Wabash Railway. Harry C. Gill is a graduate of the Illinois State University, and is now connected with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company at Hartford, Connecticut. Mrs. Grace G. Kingsbury, now living in New York City, is an accomplished musician and has more than ordinary literary ability. Blanche, like the other children, was carefully reared and educated, mainly in private schools, and spent some two years in European travel and study. She is now at home with her father.

Mr. Gill is a Knight Templar Mason, being affiliated with Tuscola Commandery No. 37. He is also a life member of the Chicago Press Club.

**AUGUST HORNECKER.** Students of country life conditions have frequently pointed out that there are many kinds of farmers—almost as many as there are people. August Hornecker represents a type by no means too common. He was during his active years a builder of land fertility and value as much as he was a successful crop and stock raiser and a keen student of market and business conditions affecting his work. One or two farms that had been laid waste by careless and profit-skimming methods were redeemed under his management and have actually been added back to the wealth of the county. Mr. Hornecker is a prosperous citizen, but no one better deserves prosperity.

While he was born in Germany, in Baden Eistad, May 2, 1854, he has lived in America since infancy, having been brought to this country at the age of two years by his parents, Andrew and Lena Hornecker. His father owned a small tract of land in the old country, and Andrew's step-brother, Jacob Hornecker, was in Adams County some years before Andrew came. The latter bought 140 acres of land in Gilmer Township, in the southwest corner of that township. He had some means received from the family estate in Germany, and that coupled with the energy and progressiveness he manifested as an American citizen brought him a comfortable competence. His farm contained an old house, and it was his residence for a number of years. About 1870 he built a substantial brick house, which is still standing. That farm has passed out of the possession of the Hornecker family. Andrew Hornecker

died in March, 1897, when past eighty-five years of age, and his wife died the day after his burial, at the age of eighty-one. As a citizen of the United States he voted as a democrat and he and his wife were active members of the Lutheran Church on the Liberty Road near his farm. He helped that church in many ways and before it was built he attended worship at Quincy. He and his wife had eleven children, nine of whom reached maturity: Lena, who married Jacob Reichert and died in old age; Kate, who married Andrew Grimmer and also died when old; Tina married Rudolph Housner and left Adams County; Lizzie married Henry Frey and is deceased; Selma married Louis G. Zander and is deceased; Charles died when an old man in Clay County, Missouri; William never married and died in advanced years in Melrose Township; Englehart is a farmer in Camp Point Township; August is next to the youngest; and the youngest, Henry, died in young manhood.

The boyhood of Mr. August Hornecker was spent on his father's farm. He was twenty-three years of age when he married Louisa Rabe, at that time twenty. They had grown up as neighbor children, her home being in Burton Township. Her parents, Christ and Maria (Rhode) Rabe, were married at St. Louis and were early settlers in Burton Township. The Rabe farm in that district has passed out of the family ownership. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hornecker spent one year on the old homestead, then rented for two years in Honey Creek Township, and started toward independence by buying eighty acres of the old Doctor Darragh farm in Honey Creek Township. The price fixed at the time of the purchase was \$2,500, and Mr. Hornecker went in debt for the entire sum. There were difficulties and discouragements without number. Hogs brought only \$2.35 a 100, and one season his wheat crop failed entirely, and at other times this cereal brought only 40c a bushel. His livestock possessions consisted of two cows and three horses. The land of his farm was nothing more than a pasture, without buildings. The first building was a small two-room house. It required some years to pay for the land and in the meantime Mr. Hornecker had built a better home. For the past twenty-five years he has been steadily on the up grade, and in 1900 he bought 202 acres in one body at \$35 an acre. This was also part of the old Doctor Darragh estate. It had been in the hands of renters for a number of years, and these renters had done nothing more than mine the fertility of the soil and it could not be depended upon to produce a crop worth the time and labor expended. In fact the land had not been considered an attractive bargain for anyone. Mr. Hornecker took the one sure method of improving the land and restoring its fertility. As many cattle and hogs as he could secure he turned loose on the farm, running about seventy hogs a year, and not only fed all the land would produce but bought corn in large quantities and by crop rotation and the judicious use of fertilizing legumes he has more than put back on the land what a generation of tenants had taken away, and now has a farm that would measure in point of fertility up to any in that section. He is a raiser of Polled Angus cattle and Poland China hogs, but is not in the fancy stock business. About ten years ago Mr. Hornecker retired from his farm and has since owned and occupied a neat home at 1627 State Street in Quincy.

His has been a life of continuous and industrious application, though he has not neglected the general welfare. For three years he served as road commissioner and for eleven years was a school director. Politically he is classed as an independent republican. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. Always fond of outdoor life, as opportunity has permitted he has enjoyed many fishing excursions.

He and his wife reared a very capable family of children. The oldest is Mary, Mrs. Bernhardt Dittmer. Clara, the second daughter, is the wife of Simon Guenther, near the old homestead, and they have three children, Eleanor, George and Clarence. Josephine married Frank Schlipman, and he now operates part of the farm of her father. Amelia, who died at the age of twenty-



six, was the wife of William Knopfmeier, and she left two children, twins, Louise and Amelia, who at the death of their mother were taken into the home of their grandparents.

Mr. Bernhardt Dittmer, who married Miss Mary Hornecker, and whose home is in Mendon Township, four miles northwest of the Village of Mendon, was born on the old Dittmer farm  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles north of Coatsburg August 8, 1870. His parents were John and Anna (Ackerman) Dittmer. John Dittmer was born in Hanover, Germany, June 3, 1831, and came to America in the fall of 1853. He married Anna C. Ackerman, who was born in Saxe Oldenburg June 12, 1835. He and his wife came to America on a sailing vessel, being two months on the voyage. They landed in New Orleans, and he gained his first opportunity to earn a living by railroad work. At St. Louis he worked in a brick yard at \$1 a day, and on his arrival in Adams County was employed at farm labor for \$10 a month. He rented a farm ten years, and in 1868 bought a place of about 140 acres in section 24 of Honey Creek Township. He lived there and prospered, but died when his son Bernhardt was only eleven years old. His widow survived him and married for her second husband Herman John Peters. She died June 20, 1917, at the age of eighty-one. Bernhardt Dittmer made his home with his mother and step-father until he was about eighteen years old. He worked out on farms and did independent farming as a renter for a time. On February 12, 1896, he married Mary Hornecker, who was then eighteen years of age. Following their marriage they rented for a year in Camp Point Township, and for nine years lived on one farm in Honey Creek Township. In 1906 they came to their present farm, buying 100 acres at \$80 an acre. Since then they have added forty-five acres at \$95 an acre. Mr. Dittmer has kept improving his land, adding to the house and to other buildings, and an important item in the farm revenue is a small dairy of ten cows, the cream only being sold.

Mr. Dittmer is a school director and has also served as tax collector of Honey Creek Township two years. He is a democrat and a member of the Lutheran Church at Mendon. Mr. and Mrs. Dittmer have five children: Mabel, Benjamin, Henry, Clara and Mary.

AMOS DILLARD BATES, M. D. On the roll of Adams County's physicians and surgeons Doctor Bates has a prominent place because of the long period he has practiced and served his patients in Camp Point, and also for the character and abilities he has exemplified both in his personal and civic life.

Doctor Bates represents one of the older families of this part of Illinois, a number of whom have been identified with Adams County. However, he was born in Hancock County, Illinois, September 3, 1855. His parents were William I. and Mary A. (Robertson) Bates. William I. Bates was born in Tennessee in December, 1828, and was a small boy when he came to Adams County with his father Joseph H. Bates, a minister of the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Mr. Bates married Elizabeth Goodpasture. He was both a farmer and preacher, and he died at Lincoln, Illinois, while his wife died in Knox County, both in advanced years. William I. Bates received his education in the public schools of Adams County, married here, and after his marriage moved to Hancock County, where he was a farmer for about twenty years. Returning to Adams County, he spent his later years at Camp Point, where he died in April, 1913. His wife survived him only fourteen days. She was born in Adams County in 1832, a daughter of James Robertson, one of the pioneers of this county. William I. Bates for several years served as superintendent of the Adams County Home, but was never a seeker for office. He was a democrat, and in Hancock County joined the Masonic lodge and was always faithful to its teachings and practices. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. Their family of children consisted of Dr. Amos D.; Myra J., deceased; Ida, Mrs. David Lee Myers, of Columbus, Illinois; Mary Effie, wife



of James McAnulty, of St. Joseph, Missouri; William E., of Camp Point; Hattie, who died in infancy; Joseph M., a farmer in Camp Point Township; and Orville Lee, well known as a dentist at Camp Point.

Doctor Bates during part of his boyhood attended school in Hancock County. He was also a student in the Carthage High School and for two years in Carthage College. His home has been in Adams County almost continuously since 1876. For four years he was a teacher in this county. He prepared for his medical career in the Northwestern University Medical School, where he was graduated M. D. with the class of 1882. Since June, 1882, he has been in practice, and with the exception of four years his home has been in Camp Point, from which village his service has radiated all over the surrounding country. He is a member in good standing of the County and State Medical societies, and has served on the Adams County Exemption Board. Doctor Bates is a Mason and Knight of Pythias, is a Methodist, and Mrs. Bates is a member of the Christian Church.

September 20, 1882, soon after taking his place in the ranks of physicians, Doctor Bates married Miss Florence Seaton. Mrs. Bates was born in this county August 25, 1860, a daughter of Richard and Nancy E. (Curry) Seaton. The Seaton family has been a historic one in Camp Point Township. Richard Seaton, who is now retired, was born in that township December 19, 1835, and in his active career was a farmer, was long identified with the Camp Point Bank, and for four years served as sheriff of the county.

Doctor and Mrs. Bates have one son, Charles R., who is also a physician, a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago. He had two years of thorough hospital experience and is now railroad surgeon located at Roodhouse, Illinois. Dr. Charles Bates married Marian Alexander, and they have two children, Richard Alexander and Virginia.

**JOHN V. WILLARD.** In the year before the Blackhawk Indian war there came into Houston Township some of the first white families to invade that wilderness, and among them were the Willards. For nearly ninety years that name has been prominent and has been and is today associated with some of the largest and most prosperous farmers and farm holdings. A leading representative of the present generation is John V. Willard, a grandson of one of the pioneer settlers.

This grandfather was John Willard, who was born in Tennessee January 20, 1816. He married Rebecca Ann McFarland, who was born in Ohio July 21, 1817. The Willard family were early pioneers both in Southern Illinois and in the State of Missouri. John Willard located in Morgan County, Illinois, and later with two brothers, Madison and Davis, arrived in Adams County in 1831. He and his brothers took up government land in Houston Township, John Willard having 120 acres that is still held in the family. On this land he erected a log house, and gradually accumulated comforts and possessions which were equivalent to prosperity. He died at the old home in section 9 April 8, 1889. His widow survived and died in Houston Township March 13, 1894. They were the parents of four children: William Madison; Rebecca Ann, born December 1, 1840, and died June 22, 1911; James, born October 29, 1843, now deceased; Delia, born November 3, 1849, died February 10, 1888.

William Madison Willard, father of John V., was born on the old homestead in section 9, Houston Township, March 16, 1838. He still owns that farm, and is one of the oldest citizens of the county, having passed his eightieth birthday. He married Elizabeth Meats, who was born at Wellington, England, August 10, 1840, daughter of Isaac and Mary Elizabeth Meats. The Meats family came to America and settled in Brown County, Illinois, in 1842, later moved to Hancock County, and Isaac Meats and wife later went out to Kansas, and they both died there. William M. Willard and wife were mar-

ried February 24, 1859, and fifty years later they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and the ties of marriage and of intimate companionship were unbroken for nine years longer. Mrs. Willard died January 1, 1917, less than two months before their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary. William M. Willard is still living on the old farm, where he owns 130 acres. He grew up in Adams County when it was practically a wilderness, and had the advantages of only such schools as were then maintained. He has always been a democrat, and for a number of years served as road commissioner. His wife was very active in the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had a large family of children, William and Emma, both deceased; John V.; Annie, deceased; Thomas E.; Katie; Jane; Idona; Ella; Nellie; and Charles N.

John V. Willard was born on the home farm in section 9 February 10, 1863. He grew up in that community and attended the Glenwood School House in Houston Township. For over forty years he has been an independent and progressive farmer. His place comprises 260 acres and it has been under his ownership for thirty years and has improvements that measure up to the best standards of farms in Adams County. Mr. Willard has done much as a raiser of pure bred stock. He has some splendid Shorthorn cattle of pure breed, also Poland China hogs, and has made most of his money as a stock raiser. He is a democrat, and in public affairs has concentrated his interest chiefly upon good roads. He is not only an advocate of good roads but in his long tenure of the office of road commissioner, now in the fifteenth year, he has done much to give his ideas effective force. He has many other interests and relations with the community. For twelve years he has been a director of the Houston Telephone Company, is a director of the Farmers Elevator Company at Chatten and La Prairie, and for eight years has been solicitor and for two years a director of the Camp Point Mutual Insurance Company. He has also served as a member of the school board seven years. Mr. Willard is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Bowen, and attends the Christian Church and was active in rebuilding the church edifice. These facts reflect his public spirit and his willingness to identify himself with every movement for the general welfare.

January 25, 1888, Mr. Willard married Miss Laura Barger, of Bowen, Illinois, daughter of John and Martha Barger. Her parents were early settlers in Adams County. Her father died in Missouri in April, 1918, at advanced age, and was laid to rest at Clayton. Her mother died at Clayton in 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Willard are the parents of seven children, and they have one star in their service flag. The oldest, Pearl, married, and died in Utah in 1914, at the age of twenty-six; Merle is the wife of Owen Sammons and the mother of one child, Marjorie Laverne; Carl Russell died in infancy; Clyde, the fourth child, is the war representative of the family, and is now in service in the navy and in France; Roscoe is a graduate of the Camp Point Maplewood High School, graduating at the age of sixteen, and now a student in the Gem City Business College at Quincy; Dale, the sixth child, died in infancy; and the youngest, Neva, is still at home.

**LAWRENCE L. CALLAHAN.** Few men have applied themselves more successfully to the business of farming and stock raising than Lawrence L. Callahan, of Columbus Township. Mr. Callahan lives on his father's farm, 160 acres located in one section and twenty acres in another. His farm is improved, good soil, well cultivated, first class buildings, and all managed with a view to utmost efficiency.

The buildings on the land were erected by Mr. Callahan's grandfather, John Callahan, who secured the land forty or fifty years ago. It was the home of John Callahan for many years, and he died while moving from the farm to Camp Point in 1894. He was then about seventy years of age. He was born in Pennsylvania of Irish ancestry, and was a child when his parents moved to the vicinity of Kingston, Illinois. They came overland from Pennsylvania with ox teams



and they broke out the wild prairie land with oxen, ten or twelve being yoked to the plow. John Callahan is said to have done his courting with an ox team. He married Jane Henry, of Kingston, Illinois. She was born in Ireland and her people came when she was young to Illinois and located in the vicinity of Kingston. John Callahan and wife after their marriage became farmers near Kingston, and most of their children were born there. Mrs. John Callahan died at Camp Point when about fourscore years of age. All the Callahans had been Protestants, and in politics they have never deviated from their allegiance to the democratic party.

J. Alexander Callahan, father of Lawrence L., was born at Kingston, Illinois, in 1850 and was a small child when his parents moved to Columbus Township. He grew up on the old farm, attended the local schools, and subsequently acquired part of the homestead and farmed it until about twenty-seven years ago, when he retired to Camp Point, where he is now living. He married in Gilmer Township Jane A. Yeargain. She was born in that township in 1854, daughter of John P. and Elizabeth (Lawless) Yeargain, natives of Adams County, who spent all their lives in Gilmer Township, and were representatives of some of the oldest and best known people of the county. J. Alexander Callahan and wife have three children: Lawrence L.; Albert Arthur, who was formerly connected with an ice plant and is now a railroad employe at Osawatomie, Kansas, and by his marriage to Lulu Childs has three children, Grace, Ethel and Floyd, all in school; Myrtle, who is unmarried and is living with her parents.

Lawrence L. Callahan was born in Columbus Township July 31, 1871. As he grew up toward manhood he attended the public schools and for six months a business college. Since manhood he has steadily devoted his best energy to farming and stock raising, and in that sphere is recognized as one of the leaders in his township. He has also been active in local affairs, especially in helping forward war activities, serving on the Liberty Loan Committee and in other ways. He and his family are all members of Mount Pleasant Methodist Episcopal Church, which he is serving as a steward and is also a teacher in the Sunday school.

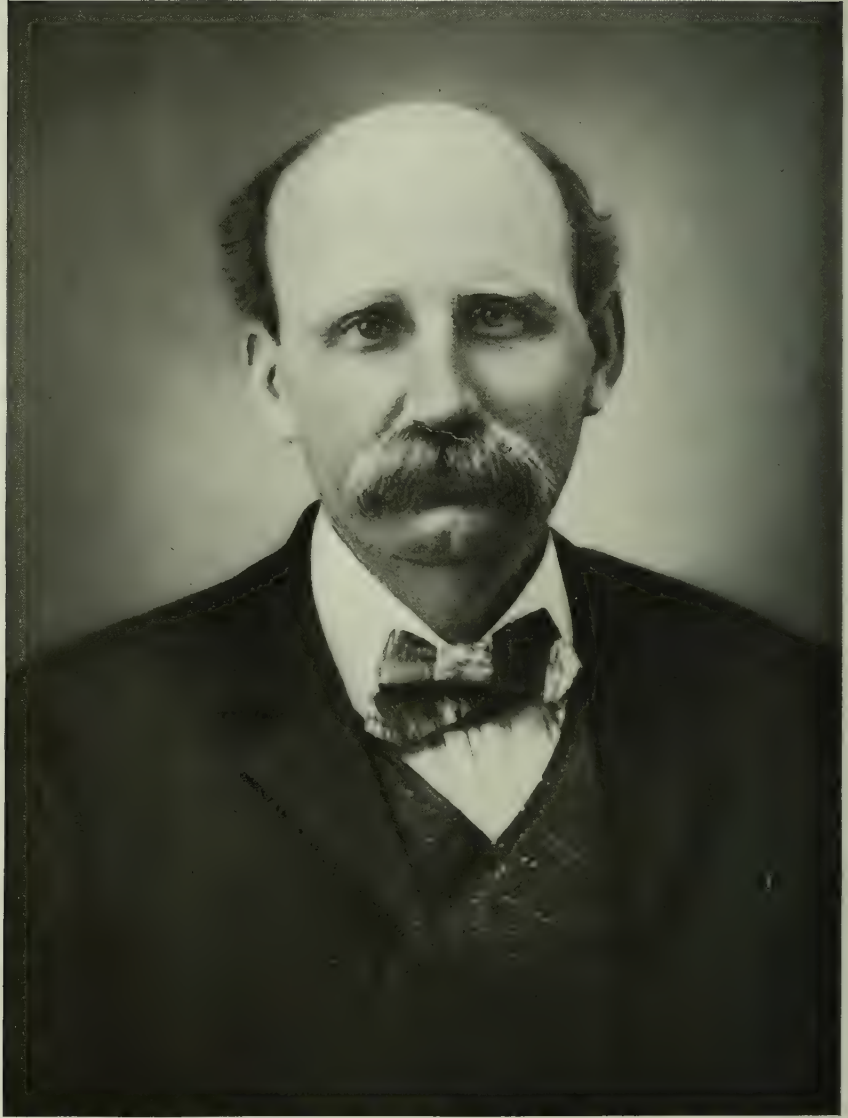
Mr. Callahan married Anna L. Brenner in Mendon Township, where she was born May 10, 1867. Besides the country schools she attended the Quincy High School and for two years was a student in Chaddock College, after which she taught until her marriage. She is a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Heckermann) Brenner. Her mother was born near Essen on the River Rhine and her father in Northern Germany. Her father was born in October, 1834, and came to America at the age of eighteen by way of New Orleans and thence to Quincy. Her mother was born in September, 1832, and was sixteen years of age when she came to this country, also by way of New Orleans, thence to St. Louis, two years later to Beardstown, Illinois, and from there to Quincy. After their marriage they lived at Fowler and kept a boarding house for three years while the railroad was being built through that village. Later they bought a farm in Mendon Township, subsequently a second place known as the John Stahl Farm near the Elm Grove Church. They finally lived retired at Fowler, where Mrs. Callahan's father died October 5, 1908, at the age of seventy-four. Mrs. Brenner has since made her home with Mrs. Callahan, and is now eighty-six years of age, but still hearty and active. The Brenners were German Lutherans, but soon after moving to Illinois became members of the Methodist Church. One of their children died at the age of nine years, and nine are still living, all well known in Adams County except two prosperous farmers in Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Callahan have two children: Earl Brenner, born January 20, 1900, a member of the Maplewood High School Class of 1919; and Raymond Harold, born February 17, 1904, now in the eighth grade of the public schools.

PHILIP J. DEEGE. Representing a family that has been in Adams County for over sixty years, Philip J. Deege has concentrated his chief interests in the county in Columbus Township, where he owns a fine farm of ninety-six







WILLIAM B. QUIGG

acres in section 31. This farm is replete with evidence of his thrifty management and toil, the land being well drained and improved with the best of buildings. Mr. Deege has lived here since 1897.

He came here from Liberty Township, and was born in Quincy October 29, 1863. He lived and grew up on his father's farm in Burton Township, and also had a home in Gilmer Township for a time. In the past twenty years he has effected many changes on his home-farm. His barn is 32 by 42 feet and he has a substantial six-room house. The farm is well known as Elm Dale Farm.

Mr. Deege is a son of John Philip and Catherine (Petre) Deege. His father is a well known resident of Burton Township, and all the particulars concerning his career from the time he came from Germany as a boy, his marriage, his children, his experiences as a farmer and blacksmith, are recounted on other pages of this publication.

Philip J. Deege married in Adams County Elnora Cook. She was born May 7, 1870, and was educated in the public schools of Columbus Township, also at Carthage College and in the Gem City Business College. For a time she taught school. Her parents, William and Maria (Fry) Cook, came from Pennsylvania and were early settlers in Columbus Township. They had a farm there and her father died in 1890, at the age of fifty-six. Her mother is now living with her children, eighty-two years of age and still active. Mr. and Mrs. Deege have two children. Wesley J., registered for the army but was not called into service. He was born October 13, 1899, graduated from the eighth grade of the public schools in 1917 and is now a student in the Gem City Business College. Helen, born in 1905, is in the eighth grade of the West Union High School in Columbus Township. The family are members of the Lutheran Church in Liberty Township and Mr. Deege votes as a democrat.

**WILLIAM BARCLEY QUIGG.** Though he is numbered among the bankers of Adams County as president of the Farmers State Bank of Mendon, William Barclay Quigg is essentially a farmer, and the land, its cultivation, its improvement and the interests of rural life have really constituted the basis of his effective career.

Mr. Quigg was born at Mendon August 24, 1848, and is related to some of the pioneer names of the county. His parents were Conrad and Margaret (Shupe) Quigg. Conrad Quigg was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, April 26, 1818, and arrived in Adams County, Illinois, in November, 1843. Two years later, in March 1845 he married Miss Margaret Shupe. She was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, in 1822, and came to Adams County in 1842 with her parents and brother, Christopher Shupe, long a prominent resident and farmer and land owner of Adams County.

Conrad Quigg was a carpenter by trade and followed that occupation in Adams County for several years. Though he was married and had a family, he succumbed to the mighty influence which drew so many young men from the Middle West to the gold fields of California after the discoveries there of 1848. He had four companions on that trip, well known Adams County men, Shuey, Sproat, Webb and Clark. They bought three yoke of oxen and hitched them all to one wagon, and accomplished the long trip overland during the summer of 1849. Indians were numerous along the route, but were still friendly, not having been driven to the hostilities which later made them so dangerous to overland traffic. Conrad Quigg was absent in California about two years. During that time he and his partners prospected, worked in the mines, and also developed a dam in order to secure a head of water for operation. A freshet carried away this construction before they had realized much benefit from it. About that time, on account of failing health and the result of discouragement due to the destruction of the dam, Conrad Quigg returned to the states, making the voyage around the isthmus in the spring of 1851. Here he resumed his trade as carpenter and in 1857



bought a farm  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Mendon. He became a large property owner, having in addition to his farm of 240 acres in section 35 several houses and lots in Mendon, and at one time also conducted a meat market in the village. He lived to a good old age, being eighty-four when he passed away in 1902. After his marriage he and his wife became members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for many years he was on the official board. His widow survived him several years and was about the same age when she died.

Conrad Quigg also had two brothers, William and Chauncey, who lived in Adams County. Both enlisted from here for service in the Union army. William died less than two years after his enlistment as a result of war service. Chauncey left the county a few years after the war and resided at Norton, Kansas, until his death ten years ago.

Conrad Quigg and wife had six children, four of whom died in childhood. Michael Quigg was a farmer in Adams County until about two years ago, since which time he has lived in Oklahoma.

William B. Quigg lived at home with his parents until he was about twenty-four, when he bought his father's old farm and it was the scene of his busy career until he retired to Mendon in 1915. He still owns one of the finest farms in the county, consisting of 300 acres and developed in every facility for purposes of general farming and stock raising. For years he has been an extensive stock feeder.

Upon the organization of the Farmers State Bank at Mendon in May, 1914, Mr. Quigg became a director and was soon afterward elected president, and the success and the standing of the institution largely reflect his personal management and integrity. However, he still spends some time on his farm, and is in partnership with his tenant in the ownership of the stock. Mr. Quigg served as road commissioner fourteen years, as township supervisor twelve years, and has always been an active republican.

In 1872 he married Miss Izora Mann, a native of Kentucky. Five children were born to their marriage: Nettie, who married William Gibbs and lives with her father; William, who was connected with a transfer company at Seattle, Washington, when he was killed at the age of thirty-two; Charles, who died at the age of twenty-six, the result of an injury sustained in a ball game; Arthur, a farmer in Honey Creek Township; and Harry, who has a farm near the old homestead.

Mr. Quigg is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, with membership in the consistory at Quincy, and is past master of the lodge and past high priest of the chapter at Mendon, and has been a representative in the grand lodge and chapter. Throughout his long and active career he has been known as a whole-souled genial gentleman, fond of comradeship, esteemed both socially and as a business man, and he also possesses those interests which tend to keep a man out of doors in touch with nature. He has spent many pleasant hours in the woods and along the streams and has a thorough acquaintance with all forms of plant life as well as the specimens of the animal kingdom found in woods and in water.

RALPH H. AMEN is a native of Adams County, and is one of the younger men of the progressive type who have exerted all their energies, intelligence and purpose toward founding homes of their own. He is one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of Columbus Township, his place being located in sections 19 and 22 of that township, his home in the former section.

He has lived here since 1910, when he married. He raises all kinds of stock, including Jersey Red hogs and good cattle and horses. He has a large bank barn, with a shed for his stock. His house is six rooms and modern in every particular. Mr. Amen cultivates about sixty acres in corn, twenty acres in wheat, and thirty acres in oats. All his land is tillable and has perfect and natural drainage.

Mr. Amen was born on a farm in Concord Township of this county December 12, 1882. He attended school in Columbus Township, where his parents moved when he was a child, and he graduated from the Gem City Business College in 1908. His father, Francis Amen, is a resident of Quincy, and more particular reference to his career and family will be found on other pages. Ralph H. Amen was eighth in a family of eleven children, nine of whom are still living and five are married.

In Melrose Township Mr. Amen married Julia G. Fessler. She was born in Gilmer Township, near Fowler, February 18, 1889, and was educated in that township and in the Madison School at Quincy. Her parents, Louis and Elizabeth (Heeb) Fessler, are natives of Adams County and are now living retired at Quincy, her father at the age of seventy-four and her mother a few years younger.

Mr. and Mrs. Amen after their marriage combined their resources and have labored effectively to make their present property. They have three children: Kenneth F., born September 23, 1911; Rita E., born August 17, 1915; and Anna M., born August 16, 1918. The family are members of the Catholic Church, and Mr. Amen is a democrat.

JOHN C. MARSHALL. Though he died thirty years ago the name of John C. Marshall is still spoken with the respect and honor that is its due all over the eastern part of Adams County. He was one of the capable men of Columbus Township, developed a good home, and left an honored name to posterity. He died in the midst of his labors, and had the good fortune to have his plans and purposes effectively carried out by his capable wife, who is still living, with her home in Columbus Village, and has some of her prospering and intelligent children close around her.

The late John C. Marshall was born at Muehlhausen, Alsace Lorraine, April 6, 1840. The name was originally spelled Marschal. On the day that he was six years of age he and his parents took passage bound for America. His parents were Christian and Mary (Muschold) Marshall. They left Hamburg on a sailing vessel and after six weeks landed in New Orleans, thence coming up the Mississippi River to Quincy. Not long afterward the Marshall family moved to a farm in Liberty Township, and soon went into Columbus Township, where they were among the pioneers and cleared up a tract of land that eventually became a good farm. This farm was in section 21. A log cabin furnished the first habitation, and in the early years all the land was plowed with oxen. Christian Marshall and his wife spent their final years on that farm, were well to do and prosperous, and never regretted their choice of the new world as their home. He died when past sixty years of age. Both were active members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were four in number. Rachel, who died in Columbus Township, married Fred Huffnagel, who spent his last years with a daughter in Missouri. They had three daughters and two sons. Amiel Marshall died unmarried at the age of twenty-one. His death was a local tragedy. He was cutting a tree and when it fell it rebounded in such a way as to strike him and kill him instantly. August Marshall died in Daviess County, Missouri, when about seventy years of age, leaving a large family of children.

John C. Marshall grew up on the old farm in Columbus Township, and had made such good use of his time and opportunities that he owned a farm before his marriage. Success came to him in large measure as a general farmer and stock man and he had nearly 300 acres of land when he died. After a brief illness he died at his home on Monday, October 28, 1888, when in his forty-ninth year.

In that township he married Miss Mary E. DeMoss. Mrs. Marshall was born in Columbus Township July 4, 1844, and is a member of the widely known DeMoss family of this county. She was educated in her native township and has always lived within a few miles of her birthplace. About nine years ago



she left the farm and built a pleasant home in Columbus Village. As a young woman she labored hand in hand with her husband, and is justly credited not only with a part of their prosperity but also with the even more important task of rearing her sons and daughters so as to be a credit to themselves and to her. These nine living children are all self-supporting and substantial people of their respective communities. The youngest of them was three years old when John C. Marshall died.

Reference to J. Albert Marshall, the oldest of the children, is made on other pages. Elva is the wife of William Wheeler, of Columbus Township, and has five daughters, all of them but one married. Anna is the wife of J. C. Gibbs, also mentioned elsewhere. Emma married William Dickhut, a farmer in Hancock County, Illinois, and of their two daughters one is married. Dora is the wife of Elisha Hendricks, a farmer in Pawnee County, Kansas, and their family consists of four daughters, one of them married. Amos is a farmer in Pawnee County, Kansas, and has one son by his marriage to Sadie Grimmer. Otis is a farmer in Hancock County, married Ada Betterdean and has one son. Lorin is giving a good account of his energies and ability as the practical manager of his mother's old homestead. He married Effie Boling, and has a son and daughter. Garnett still lives with his mother in Columbus Village and is unmarried.

All the family are identified with the Christian Church. John C. Marshall was a republican, and his sons are of the same political faith. During his life he served as assessor of the township and as school director.

HARRY O. CHANNON, general manager of the Gas, Electric Light & Power Company of Quincy, is an electrical engineer of a quarter of a century's experience, and has been identified with public utilities in Quincy since 1895. In that year he was one of the organizers of the Empire Light & Power Company, and served as its secretary and manager until in 1898 it was merged with the present corporation.

At the time of its reorganization Mr. Channon was made construction engineer, and had the active supervision and superintendence of the erection of the present electric plant. When it was completed he superintended its operation for eighteen months, and then removed to Alton, Illinois, to superintend the Electric Light and Power Company of that city. He was recalled to Quincy to become superintendent of the electric plant under W. A. Bixby, the general manager. Two years later, when Mr. Bixby went to Springfield, Missouri, Mr. Channon succeeded him, and has been the general director of this public utility for about fifteen years. His friends and associates regard him not only very highly as an expert in the various branches of electrical engineering but also as a splendid executive and manager, to whom much credit is due for the fine showing made by this corporation in Quincy.

Mr. Channon was born at Quincy August 25, 1869, and as a youth he attended the public schools, graduating from high school in 1888. Following his high school course he had a year of valuable experience working in the local offices of the Burlington Railway. He then entered the University of Michigan and pursued the electrical engineering course until graduating in 1893.

Three generations of the Channon family have been well known citizens of Quincy. His grandfather, William V. Channon, was born in Devonshire, England, in 1812. In 1835 he married Elizabeth Haywood, a native of the same locality. They were the parents of two children, William H. and Ellen Elizabeth. William V. Channon while living in England operated a gas plant at Honiton. In 1841 he brought his family to the United States, locating at Philadelphia and in 1848 came to Quincy, where he spent the rest of his life and died when past eighty years of age. For about twenty-five years he was connected as a traveling salesman with Comstock, Castle & Company of Quincy, stove and hollow-ware manufacturers. In the '80s he was one of the organizers



of the Channon & Emery Stove Manufacturing Company, being president until his death. He was a republican in politics and he and his wife were members of the Congregational Church.

William H. Channon, father of Harry O., was born in Philadelphia in 1844. He was well educated, and during a portion of the Civil war he served in the quarter master's department. For a number of years he was connected with Pope and Baldwin, agricultural implements, and later was a member of the firm, Park & Channon, agricultural implements. He then entered the employment of the Comstock-Castle Stove Company, withdrawing when the firm of Channon-Emery & Company began operations. When the firm incorporated as the Channon Emery Stove Company, he became secretary and a member of the board of directors. He has been active in the Baptist denomination, serving as a member of the state Sunday school committee; general secretary of the Young Peoples Union; member and treasurer of the board conducting the missionary operations of the state; also a member of the committee of 100 serving the denomination in the matter of the University of Chicago; also for a time trustee of Schurttliff College. He is now retired, but a very vigorous and enterprising man at the age of seventy-five. William H. Channon married in Quincy Sarah A. Taylor, who was born at Melrose, Massachusetts, daughter of Shubel L. and Harriet (Newhall) Taylor, he coming from New Hampshire and she from Massachusetts, representatives of New England families. Shubel L. Taylor at one time was sheriff of Essex County, Massachusetts, and afterward located at Quincy, where he was in the tanning business. Mrs. William H. Channon died in Quincy about twelve years ago, and both parents were active in the Baptist Church.

Harry O. Channon married at Quincy Lyda M. Collins, of Payson, Adams County. They have had the following children: William H. graduated from the Quincy High School in 1916, later attended the Missouri State University and is now a farmer. F. Elizabeth is a graduate of the high school with the class of 1916, attended Millikan University at Decatur, Illinois, and in June, 1918, became the wife of Charles M. Eaton. The daughter Dorothy died at the age of two and a half years, and the younger children are Harry O., Jr., and James Allen, both in high school, and Chester Newhall and John Thomas, in the grade school. The family are all members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Channon is a member of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club.

GEORGE T. HARTMAN instituted and built up a successful business at Quincy as a mattress manufacturer, and prosecuted his affairs so diligently and with such good judgment that he has been able to retire with a competence and is now permitted to manage his affairs with something of the leisure which every man deserves for his later years.

Mr. Hartman was born in Quincy June 11, 1868. He is now fifty-one years old and attended the Catholic parochial schools and also the public schools, and as a young boy began learning the cabinet maker's trade. Later he established a shop for the repair of furniture and about twenty years ago made the beginning of his business as a mattress manufacturer. He was successful from the start and soon found his abilities taxed to the utmost. His factory was located on Oak Street and he had another place on Broadway and Ninth Street which he used as office and salesrooms. In 1910 he sold this prosperous enterprise to his brothers Frank and William, who still continue it on a large scale. The output of the factory for a number of years has been distributed all over the middle section of the United States. Mr. Hartman resides in an attractive home at the corner of Spruce and Twenty-second streets.

He is a son of the late Bernard Hartman. Bernard was born in Westphalia, Germany, December 21, 1844. He was seven years of age when his parents came to the United States by sailing vessel and from New Orleans

arrived by way of the river at Quincy. The parents spent the rest of their days here, were devout Catholics and members of St. Francis Church. Bernard Hartman grew up in Quincy and after getting his education entered a furniture factory and became an expert finisher. Afterward he traveled on the road for a furniture company many years. He was a member of H. A. Vandenboom & Company, furniture manufacturers at the corner of Tenth and Vermont streets, manufacturing chairs and bedsteads and other furniture. This firm was established in 1868, and became one of the important industries of Quincy. For the last six years of his life Bernard Hartman was a paralytic. He died at his home 1123 Oak Street November 25, 1900. He was a devout and faithful member of St. Francis Catholic Church.

In 1867, in St. Boniface Church, he and Mary Otten were married, Father Schaffermeyer performing the ceremony. Mrs. Hartman, who is still living and has shown remarkable capacity in handling the business affairs and property left her by her late husband, was born on State Street in Quincy October 8, 1848. She was educated in the parochial schools and also in the Notre Dame College at Milwaukee. Her parents were Lucas and Mary (Jansen) Otten, both natives of Germany and of old Catholic ancestry. They were married in St. Louis after coming to this country and established a home in Quincy, where Mr. Otten was a wagon maker. He died in this city at the age of sixty-seven and his wife at the age of eighty-two. They were members of St. Boniface Catholic Church. Bernard Hartman and wife had three sons, George, Frank and William. Frank and William are now carrying on the mattress business established by their brother. Frank married Elizabeth Donemichael. William married Eva (Bidel) Winkleman. All the family are members of the Catholic Church and the sons are democrats in politics.

George T. Hartman now gives much of his time to the management of some fine property he has acquired and improved on Broadway, having three brick houses recently built there. He married in Quincy Anna Martin. She was born near Macon, Missouri, forty-six years ago, daughter of Jonathan and Martha (McWilliams) Martin. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania and her mother of Indiana, in which state they were married. After marriage they moved to Schuyler County, Illinois, where Mrs. Hartman's mother died. Her father died some years later near Macomb, Illinois, at the age of eighty-eight. The Martins were Baptists.

VERY REV. HENRY B. DEGENHARDT has been pastor of St. Boniface Catholic Church at Quincy since July 1, 1910. As an institution that bears a sustaining part in the daily life of the people of Adams County St. Boniface has been the religious home and center of worship for as many families as any other church in Quincy. The history of St. Boniface as a church and parish is told in full detail on other pages. Father Degenhardt succeeded as pastor Very Rev. Michael Weis, who for over twenty years was the beloved priest of the parish, entering upon his duties there in 1887. Besides his work as pastor of St. Boniface Father Degenhardt is also dean with supervision over the various parishes in Adams, Brown and Pike counties.

A native of Alton, Illinois, where he was born in 1855, Father Degenhardt is a son of Henry Degenhardt, who was born in Westphalia, Germany, in 1823, and came to the United States in 1849. Two years later he married at Alton Miss Wilhemlnia Bickel. Her father was a native of Lorraine and as a boy served as a soldier under the great Napoleon. Wilhelmina Bickel was ten years old when her mother died, and she was the first of her family to come to America. She lived at Chicago when that great city was a small town, and subsequently moved to Alton, where she married Mr. Degenhardt. The latter was a cabinet maker by trade, and lived in Alton until his death in 1870. His widow survived him until 1906 and passed away at the age of seventy-nine. Her father had followed her to America late in life and died at the home of a



daughter in Iowa in 1878. He was born in 1798. Henry Degenhardt and wife were among the founders of the first German Catholic Church at Alton, known as St. Mary's Church. One of the brothers of Father Degenhardt was designated by the family for the profession of the church and died at the age of fifteen after beginning his studies to that end.

Father Degenhardt was educated in the parochial schools of Alton, also attended the college established by Bishop Baltes, taking the four years' classical course, and his philosophical and theological studies were pursued at St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee. He was ordained by Bishop Baltes in the cathedral at Alton, Illinois, August 15, 1879. A week after his ordination he was made pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Church at Collinsville, Illinois, and remained as the beloved minister of that parish for thirty-one years, until he was called to his present incumbency on July 1, 1910. He now holds the irremovable rectorship of St. Boniface.

His assistant is Rev. A. G. Kunsch, who was born in St. Louis, Missouri, was educated in the parochial schools of that city, for six years attended St. Francis College at Quincy, Illinois, and completed his theological training at the Grand Seminary in Montreal. He was ordained December 17, 1904, and then returned to St. Louis where he celebrated his first mass in St. Anthony's Church December 26th. Three days later he became assistant in St. Boniface under Father Michael Weis. He is a man of great energy and ripe scholarship and literary ability and was author of the recently published *Souvenir of the Diamond Jubilee of St. Boniface Congregation, 1837-1912*.

CARL EDWARD GILLHOUSE is one of the prosperous farm owners in that splendid agricultural district southeast of Quincy in Payson Township. He is a member of the well known Gillhouse family, a son of Ernest Gillhouse, one of the oldest men in Adams County and concerning whom more particular mention is made on other pages.

Carl Edward Gillhouse, whose home is sixteen miles southeast of Quincy, was born on his father's old farm in the same vicinity August 9, 1867. He grew up in that district, attended the local schools, and worked with and lived on his father's place until his marriage.

October 19, 1890, Clara Olive Journey became his bride. She was a young lady of nineteen at the time. She was born in Pike County, Illinois, a daughter of Peter A. and Rose A. (Donelson) Journey. Her parents are both now deceased. After his marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gillhouse spent four years on his father's farm in Pike County. In 1896 they moved to their present place, the original Polk Whitecomb farm of eighty-five acres. Altogether Mr. Gillhouse has more than 200 acres devoted to general farming, including eighty acres of bottom land. He grows from ninety to 100 acres of wheat every season.

Mr. Gillhouse is also a director of the local telephone company, has been a director of the local schools four years, and is a democrat in politics. Mrs. Gillhouse is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They have two children, Gertrude and Gladys, the latter still at home. Gertrude is the wife of H. T. Groh, and has one child, Rosa Gertrude.

SIMON PIEPER. Probably no one family did more to develop into cultivated fields and homes the timber and hill section of southeastern Columbus Township than the Pieper family, one of the pioneers of which was the late Simon Pieper.

He was born in Lippe Detmold, Germany, June 8, 1826, of an old German Lutheran family. He married in Germany Caroline Linnemeyer. She was born in the same locality February 26, 1827. Not long after their marriage they set out by sailing vessel for the United States and after seven weeks landed at New Orleans, coming thence up the river to Quincy. Simon Pieper



and his brother Fred had married sisters in Germany, and both came to this country at the same time for the purpose of joining their brother Henry, who had preceded them to Adams County several years. Simon and Fred from Quincy went to Columbus Township, bought each a forty acre tract of wild timbered land in section 26, and their good homes were subsequently made from that land as a basis. Simon afterward built up a large farm of 300 acres and Fred was almost equally prosperous. Fred and his wife and children are all now deceased.

Simon Pieper and wife lived on their old farm, gradually improved it and made it the home of good livestock and a source of production for all kinds of crops. Simon Pieper died there honored and respected as an early settler and good citizen May 1, 1915, and his wife passed away April 17, 1912. They were among the organizers of the First Zion Lutheran Church in their part of the county, located in Concord Township, and later they were among the organizers of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Columbus Township. Simon Pieper served as a church officer from the time of its organization until he died. In politics he was a republican.

The children of Simon Pieper and wife were all born on the homestead except the oldest, and the children are all members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Simon H. Pieper, born in Quincy in 1859, is a practical engineer and is now employed in that capacity at the County Poor Farm. He married Carrie Naylor, and their children are Frank, Martha, Dora, William, Daniel and Harriet. Anna M. is unmarried and lives with her two brothers on the old homestead farm. Louis died unmarried at the age of twenty-four. The two following children died in early childhood. The youngest are Charles and Herman, who own and operate the old homestead, having bought out the interests of the other heirs. They were born on this farm and have had its independent management since the death of their father. The brothers built the substantial nine room house on the land, and they cultivate the farm to a maximum of production. They are highly esteemed and valuable citizens of the community.

**JOHN A. MCFARLAND.** It is more than eighty-five years since the McFarland family became established in Adams County. The principal locality with which they have been identified during all these years is Camp Point Township. They have been a family of sturdy virtues, of upright citizenship, and their hard working ability has brought improvement to many acres and has contributed not a little to the power and prestige of the county.

Of the present generation is John A. McFarland, who was born and reared in Camp Point Township, but for a number of years has been a resident of Columbus Township. His grandparents, John and Rebecca McFarland, were natives of Scotland, were married there and several of their children were born in the land of the heather. They immigrated to America on a sailing vessel, and in 1832 arrived in Adams County and bought land in Camp Point Township in section 13. This land had been originally acquired from the Government in 1824, but the McFarlands were practically the first to give it settled agriculture and occupation. John McFarland cleared up some of this land, used ox teams for plowing and other work, and had his first home in a virtual wilderness. There was no transportation, hardly any high roads except trails through the trees, and the woods and prairies were filled with wild game, deer, turkey and other denizens of the forest. Obviously there were many privations and hardships, but the McFarlands were of the sturdy Scotch character and well fitted for all they had to endure. Grandfather John McFarland was a resident of Adams county only six years. He died in 1838, in the prime of life. His widow lived to advanced years. Their oldest son, William Madison McFarland, was born in Ohio, and became prominent in Adams County as a farmer and in politics. The grandparents were both members of the Primitive Baptist Church.





HARM H. EMMINGA



Daniel G. McFarland, father of John A. McFarland, was born in Camp Point Township September 26, 1834, and for many years had the distinction of being the oldest native man of that township. He was one of thirteen children. He was the last of them to die, passing away June 10, 1907. He remained on the old homestead, improved it, and farmed it steadily for upwards of half a century. In July, 1855, he married Martha McFarland, a cousin. She was born in Ohio, a daughter of Arthur McFarland, who became a pioneer settler in Greene County, Ohio, where he died. Daniel McFarland and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She died in 1898, the mother of four sons and four daughters. Two sons and one daughter died young. The other children were: George R., who died in 1918; John A.; Rosa, Susan and Minnie Harris, of Quincy.

John A. McFarland was born on the old homestead farm in section 13, Camp Point Township, December 27, 1860. He grew up and attended common schools there, and has always been a deep student and reader of literature. He has devoted most of his time to farming and stock raising. He came to his present farm in section 20, Columbus Township March 8, 1910, and has 170 acres, the old Lewis Wilkey farm. Its improvements comprise a large barn and an eight-room house, and everything is conducted in the style of high class farming. Mr. McFarland raises Poland China hogs, Jersey cattle and sheep and horses.

He married in Augusta Township of Hancock County, Illinois, Miss Ruth H. Watts. She was born and reared there, daughter of Isaac and Mary Watts, who came from England and spent their last years in Augusta Township, where her father developed a successful industry in woolen manufacture. Mr. and Mrs. McFarland have an interesting family of children: Mrs. Pearl M. Brinkman, living at San Diego, California, wife of a western ranchman; Robert A., a farmer in Columbus Township, married Iva Bolling, and has two children; Maxine and Francis; Florence E. is the wife of Ralph Husong, of Columbus Township; Esther A. is the wife of Arthur Richards, a farmer west of Columbus; Daniel I. assists on the home farm; Russell D. is a student in the local schools, as are Lee W. and Neva Frances. The family are Methodists and Mr. McFarland is a democrat and has held several local offices.

JOHN JACOB EMMINGA. One of the most interesting communities in Adams County is the Town of Golden. For a number of years after its establishment during Civil war times at the junction of the Wabash and Burlington Railroads the village was known as Keokuk Junction. In and around the village have lived some of the most substantial and high minded families. A number of them bear names reflecting an origin in the lowlands of Northern Europe, those countries around the North Sea which in the course of centuries have had many national ownerships, including Holland, Denmark and Germany, though as a people and by racial affiliations they might properly be grouped as "Netherlanders." The particular section which furnished this little Adams County colony was the old principality of East Friesland, so that these people might be known as Friesians. This country is now part of the German Empire, but at one time was a Holland Dutch province and later an independent principality.

One of the old families in East Friesland was Emminga, many of whom have been identified with church, educational and other public affairs for centuries. Henrich R. Emminga was born in East Friesland in 1829. He was a millwright by occupation. He married Margaretha H. Franzen, who was born in 1824, and her father, Harm H. Franzen, served with the allies against Napoleon and fought at Waterloo. Several of the Franzen family became prominent in Golden, including Cobus Franzen, who was a well known miller.

Henrich R. Emminga came to America, landing at New Orleans, and reached the little community in Northeast Township of Adams County where Golden is now located in February, 1852. Here his services found reciprocal benefits

for himself and the community as a millwright and miller. He was especially expert in building that type of mills for which the lowlands of Northern Europe are famous, the mills operated by wind power, the "Dutch windmills." He built and operated several mills in this part of Illinois. In 1863 he returned to his native land and his wife died there in 1868. In 1872 he came back to America, but was content to remain only seven years. He died in East Friesland in 1888 and was laid to rest beside his wife. Some of the work of this old time mill builder in Adams County still remains. The windmill which he erected two miles east of Golden in the early '50s is still in operation. The Village of Golden itself has the mill which he erected during the '70s and is still doing service. He and his wife had three children: Harm H., Volkea, who married Weert J. Buss, of Golden; and Anna, who married Menne Gronewold, of Golden.

One of the citizens of Adams County whose lives were closely associated with its improvement and development and whose memory deserves to last was the late Harm H. Emminga, who died December 9, 1915. He was a man of great business enterprise, very successful as a miller, banker and property owner. He was born in East Friesland December 25, 1850, and his first conscious recollections were of the old home in Adams County. At the age of twelve he accompanied his parents back to Germany and was nearly grown when he returned to this country with his father. From that time forward all his activities and interests were centered in the community of Golden. He had a good common school education, though most of it had been acquired in the old country. It is said that he could never become interested in agriculture, never learned to hitch up a horse, and was most at home in commercial affairs. He was well trained to the milling industry and was proprietor of the Prairie Mills at Golden from 1879. Those mills were operated by wind power and were noted for the excellence of their product. He also bought and shipped grain, and in 1889 he erected a modern flour mill with a complete roller process, known as the New Era Mills. His broad minded business enterprise is reflected in the fact that he did not seek to market the product of these mills in this country, but sent them abroad to Holland, France and Great Britain and also the West India Islands.

He was responsible for giving Golden its first bank, opening the People's Exchange Bank July 1, 1894. This bank was at first located in the same building in which he had his milling and grain offices. The building was erected in 1891, and later was fitted up for its special use as a bank. In 1904 he erected a modern banking house. The late Mr. Emminga was deeply interested in local affairs, and it was largely through his leadership and influence among the people that the community consented to issue bonds for a modern public school building in 1898. He was always deeply concerned in matters of education and was one of the prominent supporters of the Lutheran Protestant Church of Golden, and helped finance and gave his personal supervision to the rebuilding of the church in 1904. H. H. Emminga was known among his contemporaries as a scholar, being thoroughly versed in books as well as in men of affairs, was cultured by extensive travel, and the full breadth of his interests and attainments were not appreciated even by his most intimate friends.

In 1872 H. H. Emminga married Miss Maria Gembler. She was born in San Antonio, Texas, December 12, 1854. Her father, Johan Jacob Gembler, was one of many Germans who sought homes in Texas during the '40s, arriving there about 1847. Mrs. H. H. Emminga is still living at Golden. She was the mother of two children. The daughter, Margaret, born April 5, 1873, was educated at St. Mary's Convent at Quincy and is still at home with her mother.

John Jacob Emminga, who is the successor of his father in many business enterprises at Golden, was born in that village May 30, 1875. He was educated in the local public schools, and the Gem City Business College at Quincy, and at the age of sixteen became associated with his father in the milling office. At eighteen he entered his father's bank and those two lines of business have



occupied his time and energies to the present time. In 1913 the milling industry was incorporated. Besides the bank at Golden there is a branch maintained at La Prairie.

Mr. John J. Emminga is a republican, though he takes no interest in politics as a means of self advancement for the sake of holding office. He attends and supports the West Side Lutheran Church. In 1916 Mr. Emminga married Miss Annie V. Albers, who represents another prominent Friesian family of Northeast Township. She was born at Golden and is a daughter of Lubbe U. Albers, who was the first station agent at Keokuk Junction and in many other ways was prominently identified with the history of that community.

WILLIAM B. AUSTIN. Several localities in northern Adams County are benefited from the presence and activities of members of the Austin family, who first took up their residence in Mendon Township more than seventy years ago. William B. Austin, now a farmer in Keene Township,  $3\frac{3}{4}$  miles northeast of Mendon, was born in this county over seventy years ago, and he has two sons who are also well known in the county, his son John being a farmer, while Adelbert is a successful physician at Mendon.

William B. Austin was born in Mendon Township, a half mile from his present home, September 5, 1846, son of John C. and Caroline E. (Barclay) Austin. The parents were both natives of Wayne County, New York, and were married there about 1841. The father was born in October, 1814, and the mother in 1820. In 1843, two years after their marriage, they came to Adams County direct from New York. John C. Austin's brother, Arona, had been a resident of this county four or five years, his name being identified with Honey Creek Township. John C. Austin bought land in Mendon Township, and lived on his farm there until his death at the age of sixty-six. He acquired and improved more than 200 acres. This old farm has since been sold. His widow survived him until she was past eighty years of age and died at Mendon. Arona Austin died of typhoid fever. The three sons of Arona were: Moses, who served all through the Civil war as a Union soldier, was county surveyor at one time, and died an old man; Peter, who died in Mendon; and Arona, who now lives in Missouri. The children of John C. Austin and wife were: Daniel, of Brookfield, Missouri; Cornelius, who is also living retired at Mendon; and William B. The father of these sons was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

William B. Austin remained at home until his marriage at the age of twenty-eight. For a time he was a partner in the management of the farm with his father and practically had charge of the entire place. He made his first purchase of forty acres in Keene Township. He married Mary Wilcox, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Hewett) Wilcox, of Keene Township, both now deceased. Her mother died at the age of seventy and her father at eighty. Mary Wilcox was nineteen years of age at the time of her marriage. The young couple then located on the farm where they now live, acquiring 119 acres from the Baptiste Hardy estate. Mr. William B. Austin now has 200 acres of fine farm land, and has a very comfortable home and large barns and other outbuildings. Part of the home was standing when he bought the land. He began his career with somewhat limited capital, but had already manifested those qualities which inspired confidence in his future. Thus when he went to Mr. Bill Benton for a loan of \$400 Mr. Benton refused any security, and later advanced Mr. Austin \$1,100, also without security. Mr. Austin is a general farmer, and for some years was a breeder of Polled Angus Cattle.

He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Mendon and he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A republican, he has always refused official preferment, though he served for a time on the school board. Farming has constituted the bulk of his labor, and as his land was originally both prairie and timber it required strenuous effort to clear it out and put it into cultivation. He and his wife have had three



sons: John, Adelbert and Joseph. Mr. Austin had taken special pains to fit up the farm preparatory to turning it over to his son Joseph as manager, when this son was stricken with the illness which carried him away in the flush of young manhood at the age of nineteen.

John T. Austin, whose home is in section 26 of Mendon Township, was born at his father's residence, three-quarters of a mile north, on September 28, 1875. He was reared and educated there and at the age of twenty-two he married Miss Ella M. Evans, a neighbor girl then twenty years old. Her father was James Evans. During the next four years the young couple remained at the Austin home, and he then took active charge of that farm. In 1902 they came to their present place, purchased from Abe Chittenden. He bought eighty acres at that time and has since acquired another eighty acres, all of this in addition to forty acres given him by his father. For the Chittenden farm Mr. Austin paid \$5,500, and for another forty acres he paid \$119 per acre. He has given his place many improvements and is prospering as a general farmer. He has never used politics as a means of official advancement. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church and he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. John T. Austin and wife have four children, all at home, named Ada, Irma, Mary and William. The daughter Ada graduated from high school with the class of 1918.

Adelbert M. Austin, M. D., was born at his father's home in Keene Township June 17, 1880. His father says that even during his childhood he showed tendencies toward the profession which he has adopted and which his services have honored. His days were spent on the farm until he entered college at the University of Iowa, and in 1904 he received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Washington University of St. Louis. During the next seven years he practiced at Stronghurst, Illinois, and then returned to Mendon, where he has enjoyed a rising reputation in his profession for eight years. He is a member of the County and State Medical societies and the American Medical Association. He also belongs to the Nu Sigma Nu Medical Society, is a Royal Arch Mason, and a republican. In 1917 Doctor Austin enlisted in the Medical Reserve Corps, but was discharged for physical disability after a brief period of service at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis. He has served three terms as a member of the Public School Board and most of that time as president of the board.

In September, 1908, Doctor Austin married Roxie E. Murphy. She died in July, 1913, leaving two children: Mildred and Dorothy M. In June, 1914, Doctor Austin married Julia Hancock, of Carthage, Illinois. Mrs. Austin before her marriage was a trained nurse. They have one child, Mary M.

WILLIAM C. ABBOTT has been a Quincy business man for a number of years, and since 1913 has been proprietor of one of the most liberally patronized grocery establishments of the city, at 217 North Sixth Street.

Mr. Abbott was born in Shelby County, Illinois, in 1859, and two or three years later, while his father was in the army, the family moved to Taylorville, Christian County. He grew up and was educated in the local schools and subsequently removed to Pana, Illinois, where he was in the grocery business. In 1903 he removed to Quincy and had the management of the Strecker restaurant for six months and then took charge of the grocery and meat establishment of John D. Davis. He conducted that store until 1913, when he took over the business, and is now one of the independent and progressive merchants of the city.

His father enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-First Illinois Infantry from Shelby County, Illinois, and served 3½ years. Part of the time he was in General Logan's command, and was in many of the hard fought battles of the war, though never wounded nor taken prisoner. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned to his family at Taylorville, and lived there for a number of years, but finally went out to Anthony, Kansas, where he died

at the age of sixty-four. He married in Shelby County Jane Brewer, a native of that county, who died before she was fifty years of age. They had four children, two sons and two daughters. Mary died leaving three daughters and her sister, Lelah, died at the age of twelve years. Mr. William Abbott has a brother, Nelson, who is married and lives at Anthony, Kansas, and has a son and two daughters.

William C. Abbott married at Taylorville, Illinois, Miss Mary Arnold. She was born in Fayette County, Illinois, in 1866, and was reared and educated in that county and in Christian County. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott have two stalwart sons. Herbert T., born in January, 1888, was well educated and recently joined the cavalry of the National Army at Fort Douglas, Arizona. Gilman C., born in August, 1890, now lives at Rock Island, Illinois. He is ready for his early call in the army. He married in Rock Island Hattie Frank. She was born at LeClaire, Iowa, but was educated in Rock Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is affiliated with Taylorville Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and his older son is a member of the Consistory of the Scottish Rite at Quincy, while the younger son is affiliated with the lodge and Royal Arch Chapter at Rock Island.

**WILLIAM A. WAGY.** Known as a man of authoritative experience and successful management as a farmer and stock feeder, William A. Wagy has for many years been identified with Adams County. He owns a large and well improved farm in Payson Township,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles southeast of Plainville. Mr. Wagy represents one of several Wagy families who have been prominently identified with the history of Adams County from pioneer times.

He was born in Richfield Township of this county March 31, 1864, and is a son of Stephen and Malinda (Decker) Wagy. Stephen Wagy was born at Waverly, Ohio, March 3, 1832, and died February 10, 1884, in his fifty-second year. When he was nine years of age he came to Western Illinois by wagon and ox team, bringing a yoke of oxen and a span of horses to draw the vehicle. His parents were Jacob and Rachel (Riley) Wagy. Jacob Wagy settled a mile south and a half mile west of Plainville, and lived there the rest of his life. Stephen Wagy grew up in that locality but married in Pike County. Malinda Decker was born and reared in Pike County, daughter of Moses Decker, whose home was on the north line of Pike County. Moses Decker died when past seventy years of age and was buried on the old farm. That farm is now owned by his daughter, Margaret Tooley, who lives at Kinderhook, five miles distant.

Stephen Wagy after his marriage rented land for several years, making several changes of location, and in the spring of 1865 he moved to the farm a mile south and a half mile east of Plainville where he lived until his death. His widow, Malinda, survived him twenty-four years and passed away in 1908, at the age of seventy-two. She never left the old farm. This farm is now owned by their son George. They had six children: Green A., whose home is a mile southeast of Plainville; Martha C., who died soon after her marriage to George Callaway; Rachel E., widow of Levi McCarl, brother of Judge McCarl, lives in Pike County; George, already mentioned as the owner of the old homestead; Elizabeth, who married Denton Hull, of Pike County, died in middle life; and William is the youngest.

William A. Wagy lived at home until his father's death. He was then about twenty years of age, and he continued to help his mother on the homestead for several years. About 1890 he secured an adjoining farm south of the old place, comprising 120 acres. Since then he has bought the old Bruce Lyon farm of forty acres, one of the old farms but one of the best in fertility in that part of the county. It had good buildings and he put upon it a substantial barn. His son is now operating that place. The home farm has had many improvements, including an extensive remodeling of house and barn. Mr. Wagy has fed and fattened for the market as high as several carloads of cattle in a single



year. He usually markets about a carload of hogs every year. He makes no attempt to breed and raise enough cattle for his facilities as a feeder, and buys them on the markets or in the surrounding country. He brings his cattle almost to the point of market conditions by running them on a splendid 100-acre blue grass pasture which he owns in Pike County. This 100 acres was originally in his grandfather Decker's farm. He also raises a number of horses, getting them young, as his judgment prompts a purchase.

Mr. Wagy has not appeared conspicuously in politics but in 1898 served as tax collector and during his year in office collected about \$12,000 for the treasury. He is a democrat. He belongs to the Adams County Farm Improvement Association and supports the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his wife was an active member.

February 8, 1888, Mr. Wagy married Miss Carrie Hupert, daughter of George and Amy Hupert, of Payson Township. She was born in that township. Mrs. Wagy died in February, 1899. She was the mother of his children, four in number. Ellis E. married Marguerite Dean, daughter of Justine Dean, of Burton Township, who died December 4, 1916, leaving no children. Mabel M. is the widow of Lonnie Freeman. Mr. Freeman was a mechanic and engineer and died in Payson Township. Mrs. Freeman has a son Fay, and now lives with her father. Della is the wife of T. L. Hull, of Richfield Township, and has one child, Esther Belle. Eva Marie married Earl E. Robinson. Mr. Robinson is now in France with the ambulance corps. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have one child, Bettie Louise.

October 4, 1905, Mr. Wagy married for his second wife Carrie Kidder, daughter of Rev. George and Mrs. (Bushnell) Kidder. Her father was a well known local minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Carrie Wagy died July 16, 1918.

**JOHN WAGY.** With a history in several communities in Adams County the Wagy family is interwoven as the personal element in a web of affairs that has grown stronger through all the years since pioneer times. An important member of the family and one of the oldest still living is John Wagy, a retired resident of Plainville.

He is in his eighty-second year, having been born in Ross County, Ohio, January 29, 1838. When he was eleven years of age, in 1849, he was brought to Adams County in company with his parents, Jacob and Rachel (Riley) Wagy. Jacob Wagy was born in Virginia, and his parents had migrated to Ohio. He was about forty-five years of age when he came to Adams County. The trip was made with horse teams. Jacob was accompanied by his brother Abraham and also their father, Jacob, then an old man who died soon afterward. Abraham settled in Henderson County, Illinois. Jacob's home was a mile west of Plainville, where he spent many years and died at the age of seventy-three, one year after his wife. The old farm is now owned by John and the latter's son-in-law, Walter Hampsmire. The homestead comprised 160 acres. Jacob built the present frame house during the Civil war and the large barn was built by John. The children of Jacob were: Henry, who died in Carroll County, Missouri, when past eighty years of age, his daughter, Mary Seward, living in Payson Township; William, who died in Carroll County, Missouri, at the age of eighty; Stephen, whose family is sketched on other pages of this publication; John, now the only survivor; James, who died in Payson Township, and his widow and children are still living on the old farm; Mary, who married Charles Stratton, of Carroll County, Missouri; and Margaret, widow of Benjamin Lytle, also of Carroll County, Missouri.

John Wagy from the age of eleven years grew up on the old homestead. At the age of twenty-one he married Susan Long, of Payson. She died eight years later, leaving two children, Albert, who spent most of his life in Nebraska and now lives in Kansas, but his postoffice is at Marion, Nebraska, and Marietta, who married Peter Schuetz and died leaving two children. October 21, 1867,



John Wagy married Nancy Hull. That was her maiden name. She was then the widow of Emanuel Wagy, a cousin of John and a son of Philip Wagy. Emanuel Wagy died a year after his marriage, leaving one child, Mary J., now Mrs. R. A. Green, of McCook, Nebraska. Mary J. was only three years old when her mother married John Wagy. Mrs. John Wagy is a daughter of David Hull, of Pike County, Illinois. Nancy was born in Barry Township of this county December 12, 1844, and grew up on the old homestead farm where her father spent the best of his years and died at the age of ninety-five.

Mr. John Wagy had many discouragements, some of them apparently too heavy to bear. With the never swerving support of a loyal wife and more than helpmate these were overcome, and brighter days succeeded until his life has been crowned with a glorious sunset that only comes as a result of labors well done and well earned compensation.

After his second marriage Mr. John Wagy spent seven years in Lima Township of Adams County, where he had a farm on Bear Creek. Then for four years he lived in Richfield Township, and upon the death of his father secured the old Wagy home, part of which he still owns. The last several years he has lived retired at Plainville. Mr. Wagy has never sought public office. He is a republican, as are most of the members of the Wagy family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wagy had four children. Two of them died in infancy. A son, James Oscar, lived to be twenty-five years of age, and spent all these years at home. A daughter, Ethel M., the only survivor, is the wife of Walter Hampsmire, more particularly referred to on other pages. Mr. and Mrs. Wagy are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as are also the children and grandchildren.

FRANK H. WHITNEY, secretary and treasurer and treasurer of the Hollister-Whitney Company, elevator manufacturers, comes of a very old New England family. His ancestors were pioneers in Maine, and his great-grandfather and grandfather lived and died there near Poland Springs. Mr. Whitney is a son of the late August H. Whitney, one of the early manufacturers and business men of Quincy. When a young man he went to Portland, Maine, and learned the organ making trade. He followed this for a time in Montreal, Canada, and then came west to Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he married Frances Garland. She was a native of Buffalo, New York, but was reared and educated in Kalamazoo. Soon after their marriage they moved to Quincy, Illinois, where A. H. Whitney organized the Whitney & Holmes Organ Company and was president of the firm. He continued manufacturing organs in this city until his death in 1891, at the age of fifty-six. His widow is still living, at the age of sixty-seven, a resident of Washington, D. C. She is a member of the Episcopal Church, as was her husband.

Frank H. Whitney has one brother, J. W. Whitney, who is in the piano business in New York City. He is married and has one daughter. Frank H. Whitney was born at Quincy May 21, 1870. He was carefully reared and educated, and grew up in his father's shops and after the latter's death he and his brother conducted a similar business in Quincy until 1905. At that date Mr. Whitney became a partner of Mr. Hollister and secretary and treasurer of the Hollister-Whitney Company, elevator manufacturers, with an extensive and modern plant in Quincy which supplies elevator equipment in all parts of the United States.

Mr. Whitney married Miss Sarah R. Newcomb. Mrs. Whitney was born, reared and educated in Quincy, and is a daughter of the late R. C. Newcomb, one of Quincy's most distinguished manufacturers. Her father was born in Massachusetts in 1837 and came to Quincy in 1872, purchasing the Gem City Paper Mills. He was a paper manufacturer, and later served as president of the American Strawboard Company. The great hotel bearing his name in Quincy is a monument to his enterprise. Mrs. Newcomb is still living in Quincy.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitney have two children: Anna Newcomb is a member of

the class of 1919 in the Quincy High School. Richard Harvey was born in 1905 and is a junior in the high school. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney are members of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Whitney is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge.

MELVIN W. BOWKER for many years has been a resident of Payson Township, has a fine country home there, and his life has been one of service as well as profit. He is a nephew of the late Marshall B. Sturtevant.

His uncle was born at Savoy in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, October 21, 1818, and died at the old home in Payson Township July 21, 1908. At the age of twenty, on October 6, 1838, he married Fidelia Ketchum, who was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, September 18, 1818, a daughter of Solomon and Polly (Hemenway) Ketchum. Her father died soon after her birth and she was taken back to Massachusetts by her mother and lived there until her marriage to M. B. Sturtevant. The latter grew up on a farm and also worked in Massachusetts cotton mills and other factories. Some years after his marriage he and his wife started west and reached Chicago July 3, 1848. They spent about eight years in Winnebago County, Illinois, and then moved to Kinderhook in Pike County, Illinois, where he built a sawmill. A year later they moved to the farm where their nephew now lives, three quarters of a mile south of Plainville. He had traded his mill for sixty acres of land, and on that farm he spent the rest of his days. M. B. Sturtevant and wife had no children of their own. They adopted Charles W. Sturtevant in infancy, and a sketch of the latter's life is found on other pages.

In 1871 they also made a home for their nephew, Melvin W. Bowker, who was born at Adams in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, February 10, 1860. His parents were Alonzo and Hepsie (Sturtevant) Bowker. His father was a physician and died when Melvin was five years old. Melvin continued to live in the Sturtevant family and gradually assumed the responsibilities of managing the farm, and finally succeeded to its ownership. Mrs. M. B. Sturtevant died January 17, 1912, when past ninety-three years of age. Mr. Sturtevant was a charter member of the Plainville Masonic Lodge and was buried under the auspices of that order. He was well read, kept himself informed on current day progress, and enjoyed friendly discussion of a wide range of subjects. He would not hesitate to take the contrary side in order to stimulate and bring out argument. He also enjoyed many sociable games, including checkers.

Mr. Bowker was educated in the district schools of Adams County and at the age of twenty-six married Miss Anna Gillespie, of Kinderhook, Pike County. Mrs. Bowker died December 10, 1915. She was the mother of two sons, Homer dying at the age of twelve years. The younger is Elden G. Bowker, who was born June 18, 1889. For some years he has been associated with his father in operating the home farm. Elden G. Bowker married June 30, 1910, Edna Cochran, who was born at Barry, Illinois, in 1890, daughter of Frank and Mary (Hines) Cochran, both of whom are now living at Plainville. Mr. and Mrs. Elden Bowker have two children, Melvin Francis, born in 1911, and Dorothy Louise, born in 1914.

Mr. Melvin Bowker has served as road commissioner, having been twice elected in a democratic township, his own politics being republican. He is a past master of his Masonic Lodge, held that chair for seven years and has been a delegate to Grand Lodge. He is also a charter member of the local camp of Modern Woodmen of America.

FRANK J. KRONER. Almost ever since Quincy became a city in fact some share of its vegetable crops and other fruits of the land have been produced by members of the Kroner family. A number of years ago one of the enterprising members of this family established a greenhouse and began the production of cut and potted plants, and when his enterprise was cut short by an untimely death his father, Frank J. Kroner, took it over and has continued



growing high class flowers in the greenhouses at 2021 Spring Street to the present time.

This business was established by Joseph F. Kroner in 1900. The son was in a fair way to prosperity when death stayed his hand in 1906, and since that time the father has handled the business and has kept it growing. He has a well equipped plant with about 10,000 square feet of glass, and is an expert in the business.

Frank J. Kroner was born in Melrose Township of this county April 28, 1851. The Kroners have been identified with Melrose Township for over three quarters of a century. He grew up there on a farm and was an active gardener and truck raiser until he took over the management of the greenhouse. His parents were Joseph and Catherine (Hollander) Kroner, both natives of Hanover. They came before their marriage to this country, traveling by sailing vessel, were on the ocean nine weeks, and from New Orleans Joseph Kroner traveled up the Mississippi River to St. Louis and worked there several years in the city market. On moving to Adams County in about 1830 he took up gardening in Melrose Township. The distinguishing characteristic of his life was his great industry and persistent labor, and from the fruits of those qualities he made ample provision for his family. He married in Quincy, and after a number of years at their home in Melrose Township, returned to the city. Joseph Kroner died here twenty years ago at the age of seventy-eight and his wife passed away some years previously at the birth of her last child. They were early members of St. Boniface Catholic Church and he did much for that church where he lived.

Frank J. Kroner married in Quincy Miss Bernadine Woltmann. She was born in this city December 1, 1857, and was reared and educated here. Her parents were Herman H. and Elizabeth (Middendorf) Woltmann, both natives of Germany, where they married. On coming to the United States they entered this country by way of New Orleans and traveled up the river to St. Louis, and after some years moved to Quincy, where they spent their last days. Her father was a shoemaker by trade, but subsequently was in the grocery business, and finally lived retired. He died at the age of eighty-three and his wife at fifty-eight. They were members and earnest workers of St. Boniface Catholic Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Kroner have had the following children: Joseph F., who was twenty-six years of age when he died in 1906; Herman H., who died at the age of twenty-eight; Lucile E., wife of Joseph Altmix, lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and has a son, Richard; August Leo, aged thirty-one enlisted February 8, 1918, and after a brief training in the naval aviation department, was in service at an Atlantic seaport when last heard from; Florence, who like the other children was well educated, is the wife of Eugene H. Weber and they now live with her parents. The family are all members of St. Francis Catholic Church. Mr. Kroner is affiliated with the Western Catholic Union and in politics is a liberal democrat.

NORMAN D. BRADFELD is proprietor of one of the well improved and valuable farms of Payson Township, located a mile north and three-quarters of a mile east of Payson Village. This is the old Nichols farm, formerly the home of his wife's parents.

Mr. Bradfield was born in Fall Creek Township of this county March 2, 1875. He is a son of Samuel and Abigail (Chatten) Bradfield. His father was born in Pennsylvania April 18, 1832, and died May 4, 1901. He came to Illinois when a child with his parents, who located in the central part of the state. In 1848, at the age of sixteen, he came to Adams County, where he found employment on the farm of Clark Chatten. He worked there and in Fall Creek Township and seven years later married the daughter of his employer. He became one of the substantial residents of Fall Creek Township and spent the rest of his life there. His wife died August 22, 1916. They were the parents of five



daughters and two sons: Flora, wife of John Preston, living at Amarillo, Texas; Olive, who married Oliver Dillman, of Nash, Oklahoma; Cora, widow of John Mellen, living in Los Angeles; Ora, widow of John Crum, of Los Angeles; Beulah married John McIntyre and died at the age of nineteen; Norman D.; and Norwood S., a dentist at Eddyville, Iowa.

Norman D. Bradfield remained at home until he was twenty-five years of age. At the age of nineteen he began teaching. He had attended the Payson High School and also took the normal course in Chaddock College at Quincy. He taught in the country schools of Fall Creek Township, and on September 16, 1900, married Olive Nichols. She was born on the farm where she now resides October 6, 1882. One year after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bradfield took charge of this farm and has ever since lived there and their labors have been abundantly prospered. They have three children: Margaret, Norwood Nichols and Elvin Gerald. Mrs. Bradfield is a member of the Christian Church. He was reared a Methodist but attends the same church with his wife. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge at Payson and is a republican. He has filled the offices of road commissioner and school director, and both he and his wife have given generously of their time and means to the support of all war activities.

Martin T. Nichols, father of Mrs. Bradfield, died when the latter was four years old. He was born on an adjoining farm, son of Jacob Nichols, and died when Martin was a child. Martin remained with his mother, who later married Mr. Seehorn, and at his death she left the farm and spent her last days in Payson Village. A daughter, Mrs. Theodore Peters, lives at Payson, and another daughter, Mrs. Charles Warner, at Plainville. George Nichols, a brother of Martin, is a merchant at Plymouth, Illinois.

Martin Nichols married Margaret Schroth, whose father, Henry Schroth, was born in Germany, and her mother, Mary Roth, was a native of the same country. Margaret Schroth was born in Adams County and was eighteen at the time of her marriage. Martin Nichols died five years after his marriage leaving two children, Olive and George H. The latter is now a resident of Shelbyville, Missouri. Martin Nichols at the time of his marriage bought the old farm of 160 acres from his father's estate. Mrs. Nichols subsequently married Leo Waters and returned to the farm, where she lived until her death in 1896, at the age of thirty-three. Mr. and Mrs. Waters had two children, Clarence, now in the West, and Mabel, a teacher at Hull Station, where she and her father reside.

**SAMUEL S. ALEXANDER.** Of the families that have lived longest and deserve most credit for the changes and improvements in Northeast Township since pioneer days that of Alexander is particularly prominent and has been numerously represented here. Of the second generation of the family one of the oldest is Samuel S. Alexander, who is still living close to the scenes of his birth and early youth. He was born October 14, 1845, in this county.

His parents were William and Mary (McReynolds) Alexander, both natives of Virginia. William Alexander was born in Russell County, Virginia, in 1802 and his wife in 1812. They married in Virginia and about 1838 moved west to Tennessee, and early in 1840 arrived in Adams County and settled at Elm Grove in Houston Township. William Alexander arrived here a poor man, but set himself resolutely to the task of clearing the land and making a home and living for his children. In the early days it was customary for letter postage to be paid at the receiving office. William Alexander was so poor, it is said, that one day when a letter arrived from back East with charges of twenty-five cents he had to borrow the money to pay the postage, and it was a year before he was able to repay the lender. In later years prosperity came to him in large measure and he owned about seven hundred acres of land. He died at the old homestead in 1882 and his wife passed away in 1880. William Alexander was a democrat, and he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. They had a



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family of thirteen children, all of whom lived to be men and women. Their names were Nancy, John, Mary, Margaret, Rachel, William, David, Daniel, Michell, Martha, Samuel, Wilson and Rebecca. The only ones still living are Samuel and Wilson. The son David was killed while a soldier at the battle of Stone River.

Samuel S. Alexander grew up on the old home farm and had the advantages of the local public schools. One of his teachers was George W. Cyrus. For more than half a century he has given his best energies to farming and stock raising and in his time has fed and marketed many thousands of fat cattle and hogs. The farm operations are now conducted on an estate of six hundred acres, and his home place in section 8 of Northeast Township has such improvements and facilities as to constitute it a thoroughly valuable stock form. Mr. Alexander is now practically retired and has turned over the management of the farm to his son James W. He is a democrat, but has never sought public office. However, his fellow citizens saw fit to impose upon him the responsibilities of membership on the school board for about twenty years, and they also made him road boss. He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1870 Mr. Alexander married Miss Sarah A. Warring, who was born in Northeast Township of this country, daughter of James and Martha Warring, pioneer settlers here. James Warring was born in Kentucky in 1825, and was brought to Adams County in 1835. James Warring married Martha Robbins, who was born in North Carolina in 1829.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander have five children: Mary is the wife of Edward Simpson, and her two children are Verna and Vera. James W. is a farmer and merchant at La Prairie. John married Ruth Rose and has two children, Naomi and John. Lyda is the wife of Oscar Wall, formerly a resident of Camp Point, but now living in Chicago, where he is a city salesman. Ralph Alexander is a farmer and married Miss Viola Shopp of Northeast Township.

CHARLES N. WILLARD is the youngest child of William Madison Willard, one of the oldest and best known residents of Houston Township. Many of the facts regarding the Willard family and their early settlement and their activities in Houston Township have been given on other pages of this publication.

The old homestead where he now lives and which is still owned by his father was the birthplace of Charles N. Willard. He grew up there, attended the Glenwood public school, and throughout his active career has been identified with farming. Besides managing the old homestead he also has the Mary E. Pearce farm of 120 acres, so that 250 acres respond with their abundant crops every year to his management. Mr. Willard is a stock raiser, and feeds a large number of sheep, hogs and cattle every year, and his farm is very widely known as the home of some thoroughbred English Shire stallions.

Mr. Willard is a democrat, and he and his wife are active members of the Christian Church. In 1901 he married Miss Ethel Sweikert, of Hancock County, Illinois, daughter of George Sweikert, one of the early settlers there. Mr. and Mrs. Willard have four children: Gladys, now in the freshman class of the Maplewood High School at Camp Point, Glenn E., Goldy and Harold.

SAMUEL THOMPSON has been an Adams County resident for over a quarter of a century, and is one of the prosperous and extensive land holders and farmers of Northeast Township. It requires only a brief survey of that section of the county to identify Samuel Thompson with the best and most enterprising citizenship.

He was born over the line in Hancock County, Illinois, February 15, 1865, son of Joseph and Mary (Morrison) Thompson. His parents were both natives of Pennsylvania and after coming west they settled in Hancock County. Joseph Thompson was a successful farmer there and died in 1910, at the age of eighty-four, and his widow passed away January 5, 1917, at the same age. The father

was a democrat. The children were: James, Emma, Hallie, Samuel, William, David, Mary and Alice.

Samuel Thompson grew up on his father's farm and in 1892 came to Adams County. He is now owner of 250 acres in Northeast Township, and has done much to improve and increase the value and productiveness of the land. He is a general farmer and stock raiser. Mr. Thompson is a democratic voter, and served for about five years in the important local office of road commissioner.

In October, 1894, he married Miss Ellen Anderson. She died August 28, 1911, the mother of four children: John, Mary, Geneva and William. Her son John, an American soldier, was stationed with the United States troops along the Mexican border and is now at home. December 10, 1914, Mr. Thompson married for his present wife Ida Lakeside, of Pike County, Illinois.

HENRY IHRIG, a prosperous farmer of Houston Township, has a career of special interest because he started out a young man dependent entirely upon his own industry and native ability, worked as a farm hand, later got into the class of farm renters, and with accumulating experience and with the savings of many years of honest toil finally bought his first land and is now proprietor of a farm that would bear favorable comparison with any in his locality.

Mr. Ihrig is a member of a very well known family of Adams County, some further reference to which is made on other pages. He was born in Melrose Township January 19, 1866, son of George Henry and Elizabeth (Dingledine) Ihrig. On his father's farm he spent the first sixteen years of his life, and attended public schools there. Then for five years, until he reached his majority, he lived in the home of his brother George. Starting out to work away from home, he spent one year in the employ of Thomas Pearce, one year with R. B. Lummis, for a year and a half was in the employ of his father, and then becoming a renter lived on the William Powell farm two years and on the Lee Pearce farm five years.

In 1898, twenty years ago, and when agricultural conditions and land values were much depressed in comparison with present standards, Mr. Ihrig bought 97½ acres, included in his present farm in Houston Township. Since then he has been able to add to his holdings until he has 275 acres. He has built a two-story house and a large barn, making two sets of buildings on his farm, and at the same time has given his land many improvements to increase its value and productiveness. Mr. Ihrig handles some good livestock, and is also a fancier and breeder of pure bred Plymouth Rock chickens. He feeds a number of hogs and cattle every year. In politics he is republican, though never aspiring to public office. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

December 9, 1892, he married Miss Jessie Geisel, of Melrose Township. She is a daughter of Henry Geisel, one of the early settlers of Adams County, who died when past ninety-two years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Ihrig have one child, Milton Ray, born June 28, 1902, now a student in the Maplewood High School at Camp Point.

JOHN F. ROSS, M. D. The community of La Prairie was fortunate when Dr. John F. Ross chose that locality as the scene of his professional labors. Doctor Ross is a highly trained, capable physician, has acquitted himself as an excellent worker in his profession and as a thoroughly good and enterprising citizen, and is giving the best of himself to his chosen work.

He was born on the old Ross homestead in Schuyler County, Illinois, November 20, 1882, son of John H. and Mary J. (Peckenpaugh) Ross. His paternal grandparents were Talbert and Elizabeth (Snyder) Ross. Talbert Ross was born in Pennsylvania and his wife in Virginia. They came in pioneer times to Schuyler County, Illinois, and settled on the farm where Doctor Ross was born and where his parents still live. Talbert Ross died in 1858, at the age



of forty-five, leaving a family of nine children: Mary, Martha, Amanda, George John H., Sarah, Minnie, James T. and Delia. The mother of these children married for her second husband John Beadle, and she died in 1874, at the age of fifty-five.

John H. Ross was born in Schuyler County in 1846. He grew up on the old farm, was educated in the public schools, and married Mary J. Peckenaugh, who was born in Schuyler County in 1853. They still live on the old farm of 160 acres and are among the prosperous and substantial people of that community. He is a republican and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had two children: Oel D. and John F.

John F. Ross grew up on his father's farm, attended the local schools and also the Rushville High School, and had his training for his profession in the medical department of Washington University at St. Louis. He graduated M. D. in 1905, and then spent a year as interne in the Washington Heights University Hospital. Doctor Ross located at La Prairie in Adams County in 1906, and for the past ten years has enjoyed a very large and successful practice. He is a member of the State and Medical societies, the American Medical Association, is affiliated with La Prairie Lodge of Odd Fellows, and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Golden. He votes as a republican, but has had no time to meddle with politics as a means of advancing himself to public office. On June 1, 1905, he married Miss Esther L. Smith, of St. Louis, Missouri. They have one daughter, Winifred, born November 17, 1909.

FRED A. BENEDICT is a retired resident of Quincy, owning and occupying a very attractive home at 501 Broadway. He built that house himself three years ago, and it is a real contribution to the architectural surroundings of the Court-house Square. Mr. Benedict has spent most of his active life as a farmer, but has always been a practical mechanic, and that knowledge and skill stood him in good stead in farming as in other affairs. He has been a resident of Quincy for the past nine years. He came here from Marion County, Missouri, where he still owns a fine farm of 120 acres known as the Judge Barney place. He was owner of this farm for twelve years before retiring and turning its management over to his sons. The farm is a valuable one, with a splendid equipment of buildings, well improved and well stocked.

Mr. Benedict was born in Marion County, Missouri, in February, 1858, and grew up on a farm and had his education in the common schools. He reached his majority without capital and started out empty handed to make his own way in the world. Without help from any one he has accumulated a modest competence, has always been a hard worker, and has every reason to be satisfied with his efforts and the influence he has exercised in his community.

He was twenty-two years of age when his father, Fred S. Benedict, died at the age of seventy-three. His father was also a lifelong farmer, a native of Pennsylvania, and son of Fred A. Benedict, who died in Pennsylvania in advanced years. Fred S. Benedict grew up in his native state and became a river boatman, serving as mate on an Ohio river boat. While thus engaged he married at Meadville, Kentucky, Miss Martha Erwin. She was a native of Kentucky and of a Southern family. Six of their children were born in Kentucky: William, Henry, Elizabeth, Jane, Charles and Ellen. Then, in 1854, the family came down the Ohio and up the Mississippi river to Quincy, and crossed over the river into Marion County, Missouri, and bought the farm where Fred S. Benedict and his wife spent the rest of their years. After they went to Missouri four other children were born: Lucy, Frederick A., Louisa and Isabel. Those born in Kentucky all grew up and married, and one of them, Charles, is still living, now a resident of Texas. The four children born in Missouri are all living, all married and have children.

Fred A. Benedict married in Missouri Miss Millie Hamilton. She was born in Knox County, Missouri, February 10, 1856, was reared and educated there, and was a splendid woman, her husband, children and a host of friends



paying tribute to her worthy qualities and cherishing her memory. She died at the home in Quincy, August 19, 1918. She was the mother of three children. Annie is the wife of Oren Fellingner, of Quincy, and her two daughters, Margaret and Vera, are now school girls. The son Albert owns and occupies an eighty acre farm in Marion County, Missouri. He married Ethel Johnson, of that county, and his children are Wesley and Alberta. The third child and second son, Frederick S., farms his father's place in Missouri. He married Myrtle Davis, of Marion County, and they have a son, Frederick A.

Mrs. Benedict had a cousin Rev. Thomas Scott, a noted minister of the Baptist Church. This minister baptized Mrs. Benedict in that church, later performed the marriage ceremony which made her Mrs. Benedict, and recently preached her funeral sermon. With good reason, therefore, he could pay a heartfelt tribute to her beautiful character and her lifelong devotion. Mr. Benedict is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America.

WILLIAM VOLLBRACHT, of Camp Point, is president of the William Vollbracht Company, dealers in seeds, grain, wool, harness, farm implements, wagons, furs, carriages and other commodities. It is a business which has been built up on the basis of a successful commercial service, growing in extent and importance, and carefully managed and directed by members of the Vollbracht family. The business was established in 1895 in a small way, and was conducted as a firm partnership under the title of William and H. F. Vollbracht until incorporated in its present form in 1915. At the present time the company maintains three branches or establishments, one at Camp Point, one at Barry and one at Ursa.

For more than sixty-five years Adams County has been the home of the Vollbracht family. It was founded here at Quincy in 1852 by William and Mary (Wagner) Vollbracht, who came from Germany with their family and in early days lived in a log house which is still standing as a landmark of pioneer times in Quincy, between Ninth and Tenth streets on Kentucky Street. Later, this worthy couple moved into the country to a farm, and both died here.

One of their children was the late Henry Vollbracht, who was born in Germany, November 1, 1836, and was sixteen years of age when brought to this country. He learned the trade of tailor and followed it for eight years in Quincy. One of his customers during that time was Governor Wood, for whom he tailored a coat. Abandoning the trade, he took up the business of farming. In 1862 Henry Vollbracht married Louise Zeiger. Their family of six children consisted of Mary, Louis, Christ, William, Sophia and Henry. Henry Vollbracht was a democrat and a member of the Lutheran Church. His wife died in 1872, and his last years were spent with his son William at Camp Point, where he passed away March 29, 1916, at the venerable age of eighty years.

William Vollbracht, president of the William Vollbracht Company, was born in Columbus Township of this county November 17, 1868. His early life was spent on a farm, and he was identified with farming activities until he was about twenty-five years old. His education was acquired in the public schools. In 1895 he came to the Village of Camp Point, and began on a small scale his business as a dealer in agricultural implements, wool, grain and other commodities. In 1916, upon the incorporation of the company, he erected a large new warehouse at Camp Point, 40x80 feet, with basement. The company has all the facilities and experience for handling a large volume of the trade in three of the important agricultural communities in this section of the state.

Mr. Vollbracht served as postmaster of the Village of Camp Point from 1914 until 1917, when, owing to the fact that both of his sons entered army service, he resigned to look after his private business affairs. He is a democrat and he and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

May 25, 1892, Mr. Vollbracht married Anna E. Omer, of Clayton Township, daughter of Peter Omer, one of the early settlers of this county. Peter Omer was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky, March 25, 1822, a son of Peter and

Rebecca Omer, and settled in Adams County in 1847. He became a successful farmer and large land owner in Clayton Township. Peter Omer was three times married, and the mother of Mrs. Vollbracht was Sarah Ann Marsh, whom he married in 1854.

Mr. and Mrs. Vollbracht are the parents of two sons and one daughter. Arthur E., born in 1893, a graduate of the local schools and of the Maplewood High School of Camp Point, is secretary of the William Vollbracht Company and formerly had charge of the business at Barry. He is now serving in Company D of the One Hundred and Thirty-Ninth Machine Gun Battalion. He married Gladys Chase, daughter of O. E. Chase, a Pike County farmer. The second son, Roy William, born in 1895, is also a graduate of Maplewood High School, is treasurer of the company, and has charge of the local business at Camp Point. He is now in the officer's training school with the Eighty-Eighth Division at Camp Dodge, Iowa. He married Emma E. Hunter, daughter of Hugh Hunter, of Camp Point. The only daughter, Florence, born October 18, 1899, is a graduate of the Maplewood High School and is now a student at Knox College at Galesburg.

William Vollbracht is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. His son Arthur is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Barry, while his son Roy belongs to the Knights of Pythias at Camp Point.

LAMBERT HUBER. One of Camp Point's most useful citizens is Lambert Huber, who came here thirty-eight years ago, a young man with much skill and proficiency as a carpenter and cabinet maker, but with no capital to speak of, in fact his cash possessions at that time aggregated not more than forty dollars.

He was born in Germany July 2, 1858, and during his youth in the old country received a common school education and finished his apprenticeship at the trades above mentioned. When he arrived at Camp Point he took service with the firm of Liggett and Batschy, then the oldest business firm in the place, and for years D. E. Liggett and Casper Batschy had handled nearly all the building industry done in that community. They also operated the only lumber yard in the town. Casper Batschy located at Camp Point in 1857 and four years later formed his partnership with Mr. Liggett.

After being with this firm five years Mr. Huber utilized his experience and his modest savings to set up in business for himself as a contractor and builder. The really distinctive and high class building done in Camp Point for thirty years has been largely handled through Mr. Huber. Only a few of his more important local contracts can be mentioned. He erected the Fraternity Building, the Christian Church Building, did the inside work on the People's Bank Building, and was a contractor for practically all the modern residences of the town. In fact there were no modern buildings in Camp Point when he located there, and his business and personal skill have constituted an indispensable service in the improvement of the community. Mr. Huber has his own home on York Street, where he owns several residences, one of them occupied by his son Charles. In 1912 he built for himself the finest home on the south side of Camp Point. In building this home he put into effect many of his individual ideas and tastes. The rooms below were finished in oak, while upstairs the trim is all in walnut, a timber now of almost priceless value. Mr. Huber maintains a complete shop, not only for general carpenter work, but for the finest cabinet and other forms of wood work, especially interior finishing. He makes nearly all woodwork except sash and doors. He has planing and molding machinery, and has a force of skilled workmen under him.

Mr. Huber became an American citizen soon after locating in Adams County, and has steadfastly supported the republican ticket for many years. For three years he was a member of the village board and has also been a member of the school board. Fraternally he is affiliated with Benjamin Lodge, No. 197. Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Camp Point Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Exkalibur Lodge, No. 299, Knights of Pythias, and Camp Point Lodge, No. 215, Independ-



ent Order of Odd Fellows, and also the local camp of Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Huber is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

December 14, 1884, he married Miss Christine Decker. She was born in Ohio, but was brought when a child to Adams County in 1872 by her father, Andrew Decker, who was one of the prosperous farmers of the county but is now living retired. Mr. and Mrs. Huber had eight children: Frank, deceased; Charles, a resident of Camp Point; Lawrence, Bernard and Helen, all deceased; Clifford; Harold; and Verna.

ANTON PADAVIC has been one of the enterprising business men of Quincy for over ten years. He came here for the purpose of establishing the local agency of the Eliza Brewing Company of Peoria. He developed a large business for this concern and successfully managed it for seven years. He then took over as manager the Gem & Savoy film theaters and was in the theatrical and amusement business at Quincy for three years. He finally sold his theatrical interests and established a tent and awning manufacturing business at 333 Hampshire Street. This industry he has already developed to successful proportions, and gives employment to several people and manufactures goods for which there is a widespread demand.

Mr. Padavic came to Quincy from Missouri, where for a number of years he was in the brewing business. He is a native of Croatia, Austria, born June 13, 1867. He is of Slavic ancestry and his parents spent their lives in the mountainous district of Austria near the Adriatic Sea. His father was in the timber business and cut large quantities of the heavy timber in that section, shipping the lumber from a local port to many of the cities and countries of the Mediterranean. Both parents spent all their lives there and died when quite old. A brother of Anton, Luke Padavic, succeeded to his father's business and when last heard from was still conducting it successfully.

Anton Padavic grew up in the mountainous and heavily timbered districts of Austria, and acquired a practical knowledge of the lumber business. At the age of twenty he began a three-years service in the field artillery, and one year after the close of his military career, on May 15, 1892, he married a neighbor girl, Frances Snyder. She was born in the same locality and is three years her husband's junior. Her parents were also Slavic people and her father died when past ninety years of age. He was a timber worker and cabinet maker.

In 1893 Mr. Padavic, leaving his bride behind, embarked on a vessel at a local port on the Adriatic, and after thirty-four days of voyage landed in New York. His first destination was Streator, Illinois, where he found employment in the local coal mines. Three months later he was able to send for his wife, who traveled by the same route and was also thirty-four days on the ocean. Their first child, Mary, was born May 17, 1894. From Streator, Illinois, they moved to Iowa at Centerville, where a daughter, Margaret, was born in July, 1896. The next two children, twins, John and Golda, were born in Gallup, New Mexico. Golda died when five years old at Macon, Missouri. The youngest child, Anton, was born at Novinger, in Adair County, Missouri, June 8, 1906. These children were all well educated in the public schools of Quincy and the Gem City Business College. Mary is the wife of Harry Walker, and they live in Cincinnati, where Mr. Walker is employed by a large steel company. Margaret is bookkeeper for the Pearson Manufacturing Company of Quincy. John is a young man of much business ability and is with the E. M. Miller Carriage Company of Quincy. Anton, Jr., is a student in St. Boniface School. The family are all members of St. Boniface Catholic Church.

REV. ANTHONY ZURBONSEN. There were the attractive River Ems playfully meanders through verdant pastures, meadows and well-tilled acres of Westphalia's fertile soil, skirting in its course at times tinted heatherland and fragrant pinery, some fifteen miles distant from the ancient, venerable and historic city of Muenster, is situated on its eastern bank a provincial town of about seven thou-





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A. Gerboreau, Pastor St. Mary's



sand inhabitants, all frugal, industrious and economic people. It was Warendorf, the birthplace of our subject. The history of this city dates back for more than a thousand years. For several centuries the ancestors of Rev. A. Zurbonsen have resided here, a number of whom have arisen to honor and distinction both in church and state, and in fact the Zurbonsen family has always enjoyed high esteem and prominence among the old time-honored families of that city.

Rev. Anthony Zurbonsen is the fourth and youngest son of Calistus Zurbonsen and Elisabeth née Suelfstedde (a native of Hanover), and was born August 15, 1860. His early childhood was spent amid the happy surroundings and chastening influences of an ideal Christian home. The mother died when but forty-six years of age, in 1876, while the father attained the patriarchal age of ninety years, dying in 1907.

Having graduated from the primary schools of his native place and not yet fifteen years old, our subject came to America in 1875 to be placed in St. Joseph's College of Teutopolis, Illinois, there to enter upon a course of classical studies which ultimately were to culminate in his ordination to the priesthood. After the prescribed five years' curriculum he was admitted to the higher studies of philosophy and natural sciences in the Grand Seminary of Montreal, Canada, 1880-82, which after a two years' course was to be superseded by that of theology at St. Francis' Seminary of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1882-85. On June 29th of the latter year his long cherished ambition, to enter the ministry and to consecrate his life to God and fellow-men, was happily realized, for on that memorable day Father Zurbonsen was ordained a priest by the Most Rev. Michael Heiss, D. D., late Archbishop of Milwaukee. From that day and year to the present date he has zealously worked in the diocese of Alton, where every one who has ever come in contact with him will readily attest to his disinterested priestly activity. In all charges wherewith the bishop has ever entrusted him he has made good. A host of friends, both clerical and lay, Catholic as well as Protestant, wish him continued success.

The various parishes which Father Zurbonsen presided over as pastor since his ordination are the following: Grant Fork, Madison County, from 1885 to 1888; Staunton, Macoupin County, from 1888 to 1898; Ashland, Cass County, from 1898 to 1899; Raymond, Montgomery County, from 1899 to 1906; Quincy, Adams County, from 1906 till the present time.

Among the notable achievements accomplished during this time may be enumerated the founding of "Ascension" parish at Mount Olive, the erection of a rectory at Raymond, together with the purchase of additional church property in that place and a beautiful cemetery site at Ashland. He became the first resident priest of Staunton, where the present rectory was built through his efforts. Beautifying and improving the parochial holdings in Quincy is the work of more recent years, while the erection of a parish school with modern equipment is in contemplation.

In leisure hours Rev. A. Zurbonsen has occasionally turned his attention to literary pursuits. Thus in 1894 appeared an illustrated pamphlet under the title "From Illinois to Rome"; in 1903, "Rambles through Europe, the Holy Land and Egypt"; in 1904 a devotional "Ave Maria"; 1915, "Diary Pages"; and 1918, "In Memoriam, or Clerical Bead Roll of the Alton Diocese," together with numerous smaller contributions to periodicals or magazines.

Besides, our reverend author has proved himself an extensive and observant traveler. In 1893 he visited Germany and Italy; 1903, Palestine; and 1908, the British Isles and Scandinavia. Father Zurbonsen is chaplain of Quincy Council No. 583, Knights of Columbus.

WILLIAM LESSMAN. The business of farming has been the pursuit and chief interest of William Lessman during his active career. He is a native of Adams County, and has prospered in the community where he grew up as a boy and is looked upon as one of the prominent farmers and stock men of Houston Township.



Mr. Lessman was born in Liberty Township of this county, October 15, 1859, a son of Henry F. and Dorothea (Poppe) Lessman. His parents were both born in Germany, his father in 1823 and his mother in 1834. Henry F. Lessman came to America and settled at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1851. Dorothea Poppe was taken to the same city when a girl. Soon after their marriage in Cincinnati they came west to Adams County, locating on a farm in Liberty Township, but spent their last years in Columbus Township. Henry Lessman owned a farm of 320 acres. He voted as a republican and was a member of the Lutheran Church. His children were: Lizzie and Anna, both deceased; William; Edward; George; Louise; Lena, who died October 7, 1915; and Mary.

William Lessman grew up in Liberty Township, attended public schools there, and has studiously devoted his energies since attaining his majority to the cultivation of the land and stock husbandry. For several years he owned a farm of 120 acres in Columbus Township, but sold that and bought his present place in Houston Township in 1899. His home farm comprises 196 acres, and he also has 160 acres in Chili Township in Hancock County. Thus he has under his supervision 356 acres, and its management constitutes a task that is worthy of all that a man has in him of industry and thorough-going ability. Mr. Lessman like many of the progressive farmers of Adams County is giving much attention to high grade livestock. He has some pure bred Polled Angus cattle and also a number of Duroc Jersey hogs.

He is a republican and a member of the Lutheran Church. December 14, 1887, he married Miss Mary Wilkey. She was born at Newtown in Burton Township of this county April 2, 1867, daughter of Louis and Elizabeth (Gleaser) Wilkey. Her parents were both natives of Germany. Her father was born in 1836 and her mother in 1843. Her father arrived in Adams County in 1850, at the age of fourteen, and her mother reached here in 1849, at the age of six. They were married in 1866, and for over fifty years have had their home in Columbus Township. The celebration of their golden wedding anniversary in 1916 was a local event well remembered. In the Wilkey family were ten children: Mary, Frank (deceased), Rosetta (deceased), Daniel, Maltida, George, Albert, Walter, Frank and Charles. The last named, Charles, is now a member of Troop C of the Three Hundred and Fifth Cavalry Regiment, and before going abroad was at Camp Stanley, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lessman have two daughters, Dora Elizabeth and Eva Amanda. Dora was educated in the Golden High School and is the wife of W. DeMoss. They have one son, Kenneth. Eva Amanda was educated in the Golden High School and the Macomb Normal, was a teacher for several terms, and is now the wife of Rial Irish. Mr. and Mrs. Irish have two children, Mary Kathleen and William Edward. Both of the sons-in-law of Mr. Lessman are farmers. Mr. DeMoss in Hancock County and Mr. Irish in McDonough County.

**WILLIAM HAISTINGS.** An easy but imperfect method of representing the progress of half a century or more is to put at one end of the picture the old fashioned stage coach and at the other the flying machine. But it is not alone in transportation that progress has been made. Every vocation and industry have been subject to revolutionary changes, and nowhere is this more apparent than in agriculture and country life. There is special interest and value attaching to the career of Mr. Haistings, who in the last years of his life nominally called himself retired and resided in the Village of Mendon, because his career and experience reflects some of the most important developments that have occurred during the last sixty or seventy years in American rural life. Mr. Haistings died on December 10, 1918.

Mr. Haistings was a resident of Adams County for about seventy years. He was born in Southern Ohio, in Clermont County, May 18, 1836, more than eighty-two years ago. His parents were William and Nancy (Law) Haistings. At the time of his birth his parents were tenants on the farm of an old river captain and boat owner, Captain McLean. They lived there until 1847, when

they came to Quincy and joined the brother of Nancy Haistings, William Law, who was then living  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Mendon. William Haistings finally bought a little more than 100 acres of land near the Law farm and also adjoining the farm of Captain Howden. William Haistings, Sr., bought this land for \$4 an acre, and occupied it until the death of his wife, Nancy. It is now the home of Crow Brothers. After his wife's death its proprietor sold and moved to Grundy County, Missouri, where he had his home until his death. He died at an extreme old age. He was one of the early threshermen of Adams County and was so employed nearly every year of his residence here. He was an expert in handling machinery and was granted several patents on devices of his creation, though he never succeeded in realizing wealth therefrom. He and his wife had seven sons: William; Samuel, who died in middle life, leaving a family; Oliver, a farmer on Bear Creek in Adams County; Charles, who died leaving a family; James, a farmer in Honey Creek Township; Alonzo and Lorenzo, both of whom live at Fowler, Illinois.

William Haistings was eleven years old when brought to Adams County, and he lived with his parents until he was twenty. At the age of thirteen he gained his first practical experience in assisting his father in the operation of a threshing outfit. It is as a thresherman that Mr. Haistings' career is of special interest to recall as a matter of local history. During his boyhood the threshing of grain had advanced very little beyond the ancient customs of flail and threshing floor with wind as the chief method of separating the grain from the chaff. This improvement consisted at the time of Mr. Haistings' earliest recollection of what was known as a "chaff piler," operated by a very crude horse power. The chaff piler bore little resemblance to the modern separator, though it had its essential principle, a revolving cylinder, which beat out the grain. However, there was no supplementary process, and the grain, straw and chaff were all landed in one pile, where a couple of men stood with forks lifting and shaking until all the heavy grain had fallen to the ground, from which it was collected and put through a hand power fanning mill to winnow out the remaining chaff.

From that time Mr. Haistings operated practically every type of threshing machine. He had several of the old horse power outfits with their turntable and tumbling rods to transmit the power. He was operator and owner of every successive new type and improvement of separator, each one representing some advance on the original drum or revolving cylinder for beating out the grain. He also helped operate the first steam driven threshing outfit in the county.

Before he was of age he was a partner with his brother-in-law, Joel Maston, in the ownership of a threshing outfit and from that time for forty-nine years made threshing his annual business. He also had a clover huller, and thus his season of activity extended from late summer until far into the winter. Were the grain which he threshed during half a century all collected together at the present time it is safe to assume that it would be sufficient to feed the allies for much longer than the present war is liable to endure. Mr. Haistings has always been a progressive, and however satisfactory a certain type of machinery might be he was eagerly looking out for improvement. Thus his outfit contained a succession of standard makes of the time, including the McClure, the Rice and Swartz, the Case, the Springfield, the Massillon and the Bellevue, and whenever a newer and better machine was put on the market he was ready and willing to exchange his older one and replace it with the new. The territory which he served as a thresherman extended from Quincy to beyond Columbus, and some of his older patrons had his services consecutively for twenty-five years or more.

Mr. Haistings owned several farms, including one of 400 acres in Honey Creek Township, which is one of the best in the county. Seventeen years ago he bought the old Gilliland farm from his wife's father's estate. For the last nine years of his life he lived in Mendon, and though nominally retired his activity hardly slackened and he went about to the full bent of his energy, find-



ing always something useful to employ his time. He invested in several properties, including lots in the new addition to Mendon, where he erected several residences. Few men in Mendon were keener for a bargain than this vigorous octogenarian. He was a director in the Farmers State Bank at Mendon and was a factor in its growth from organization. Politically a democrat, he was instrumental in road improvement and served many years on the school board. While the story of his career is thus briefly told, it seems to suggest few setbacks or obstacles, the fact is, however, that again and again he was confronted with impediments and opposition, but they only served to strengthen his determination and his energy to succeed in spite of them. Frequently he turned an apparent defeat to a real victory in the matter of business transactions.

At the age of twenty-three Mr. Hastings married Eliza Jane Gilliland, daughter of Squire William Gilliland of this county. To their marriage were born a large family of children: John C., on the home farm; Letetia Adeline, who died at Lorraine, wife of Warren Asher; Cassandra, living at Quincy, widow of William Berry; Anna, who married Al Claim and is deceased; Lillie, who died in young womanhood; Emma, who married William Hendricks and lives in Chicago; Edna, deceased wife of James Shay; William Perry, who lives in the Village of Lorraine; Robert N., who is a thresherman living at Mendon; Cora, wife of Frank Sloniger, of Honey Creek Township; Mary Lohr, of Poloma; Fred, of Mendon; and Gilbert, also of Mendon.

LEO FRANK LECHTENBERG. For many years one of the principal claims of Quincy to greatness among the cities of Illinois has rested upon the investments of capital and the employment of energies in those lines of manufacturing where iron and steel are the primary commodities and materials. With this phase of Quincy's industrial growth and progress Mr. Lechtenberg has many honorable and active associations.

One of the larger business establishments of today acknowledges as proprietor Leo Frank Lechtenberg, a young man of thorough training in this branch of industry, who was born at Quincy August 1, 1888. He is a son of Henry and Anna Lechtenberg, his father a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and his mother of Quincy. His father was an expert mechanic and machinist, and on coming to Quincy engaged in machine shop work and in 1883 organized the Central Iron Works. In 1889 this business was incorporated as the Central Machine & Foundry Company, of which he was president and manager until his death in May, 1912. His widow is still living at Quincy and is the mother of nine children: Bernard, deceased; Clara, at home; Minnie, wife of F. M. Brown, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Anthony, deceased; Leo F.; William, of Quincy; Adelaide, wife of Walter Sturhan, of Quincy; Lawrence A., of Quincy; and Henry, deceased.

Leo Lechtenberg secured his literary education in the parochial schools of Quincy, attending until the age of fourteen, when he entered his father's shop. There he learned the machinist business in every detail, and worked at it as a trade for about ten years. He was then appointed foreman in the Central Machine & Foundry Works, and at his father's death became superintendent. Later he retired from this plant and with his two brothers established a separate industry for the manufacture of specialties in iron and wood. It is a flourishing business and with thoroughly experienced and competent men at the head, has a large future.

Mr. Lechtenberg is independent when it comes to voting, is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of St. Francis Catholic Church. June 21, 1911, he married Miss Leona S. Roop. They have two children, Louise, born March 30, 1912; and Leo F., Jr., born December 19, 1913.

CHRISTIAN G. DICKHUT represents one of the old and prominent families of Adams County, and has for half a century been active in the life and affairs of his home City of Quincy.



Mr. Dickhut was born near the center of Quincy on February 1, 1847. He is a son of Christian G. Dickhut, Sr. The Dickhut family has been in this country for more than eight decades. Christian G. Dickhut grew up at Quincy, was educated in the common school, and has lived here practically all his life. He was a very small boy, only fourteen, when the war broke out, but he showed the spirit of his patriotism by attempting to get into the army and finally succeeded in February, 1865, at the age of eighteen. He served in the One Hundred and Eighteenth Infantry under Colonel Fonda and Captain Rorabaugh. He received his honorable discharge in October, 1865, and his desire for active fighting was never gratified. He is a member of Wood Post No. 96, Grand Army of the Republic, and is now junior vice commander.

Up to the age of twenty-four Mr. Dickhut lived at home and gave all his earnings to his parents. At that age he went to work as a teamster, and along that line has continued steadily to the present time. In 1876 he began hauling coal for different companies in the city, and in 1905 became agent and collector for the Wabash Coal Company. In 1915 he transferred his services in the same capacity to the Quincy Coal Company. He is well known himself and is probably acquainted with more people in Quincy than any other citizen. He has always been a steady worker and a man of great energy, and in a long period of years can remember only taking five days away from business. He has the physique that justified such a record. He is a large man, six feet tall, very active and could give a handicap to many men nearly half his age. Politically Mr. Dickhut is a republican, and began voting that ticket for General Grant half a century ago.

At Quincy February 6, 1873, he married Elizabeth B. Thole, who was born in Quincy September 8, 1853. She died at her home in this city March 3, 1913. Her parents were natives of Germany, but for many years lived in Quincy. Mrs. Dickhut was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of her children nine reached maturity, three sons and six daughters. One son, a railroad man, was killed in a railroad wreck near Canyon City, Colorado, March 16, 1906, at the age of twenty-six. His death was a grievous blow to the mother and the shock was such that she was never able to do a day's work after the sad news reached her. One daughter, Della, born August 9, 1874, died August 3, 1912. The living children are: Minnie, wife of George Dasbach; Alfred, a machinist at Quincy, who is married and has a son and daughter; Emma F., a stenographer employed in the Swift Packing Company at Chicago; Irene, a stenographer for the State Street Bank of Quincy; Myrtle, who is housekeeper for her father; Ralph, a member of the Quincy fire department; and Ruth, a stenographer with the Quincy Carriage Company.

**JOHN BATSCHY.** An architect, if genius has endowed him, is a man of dreams, but to be successful he must be a practical dreamer, able to convert his beautiful visions into utilitarian as well as magnificent structures. Such an architect has Quincy in John Batschy, who has had so much to do with the beautification of this city, of which he has been a valued resident for thirty-two years.

John Batschy was born in Filisur, Switzerland, March 8, 1855. His parents were John and Rosina (Schmidt) Batschy, who spent their entire lives in Switzerland. They had three children: John, the only one to come to America, and Martin and Anna Verena, both of whom live in Switzerland, the latter being the wife of Michael Mettier.

The parents of Mr. Batschy were people of means and standing and afforded their children excellent school advantages, and naturally felt some pride when their eldest son was so creditably graduated in architecture from the noted schools of design at Zurich and Winterthur, Switzerland. In 1884 the young man came to the United States, seeking, as have hundreds of other young men, a wider field of opportunity than his own land offered at that time. For a short time he lived in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, from there going up the Missis-

sippi River to Dubuque, Iowa, and from there in the spring of 1886 he came to Quincy. For one of his profession the time was favorable, for this city was entering an era of development that demanded progressive ideas and talented men to carry them out.

Working at first in the offices of local architects, Mr. Batschy soon proved his ability and at the same time saw his opportunity, taking advantage of it in 1887 by opening his own office, which he has continued here ever since. He has been the architect of almost all of the most notable buildings of Quincy, among which may be mentioned such noble and beautiful structures as the fine residences that attract attention because of their beautiful design, also the Washington, Berrian and Irving public school buildings, the Woodland Orphans' Home, the Soldiers and Sailors Home Buildings, the Musselman business block, the largest in the city, the George Ertel block, the Schott office building, the Gardner Governor Company's immense buildings, the Quincy Show Case works, the Flynn bottling works, the noted Masonic Temple, and other structures for business, residential or benevolent purposes. In neighboring cities also Mr. Batschy can point to many fine public and private buildings of his designing both in Illinois and in other states. He is now engaged as supervising architect of the Adams County Tuberculosis Sanatorium, which is to be built at Quincy, Illinois. With this gift of beautiful design Mr. Batschy has wrought wonders in wood, stone and steel, and Quincy may well congratulate herself in the citizenship of one so perfect in his art and so devoted in every way to the best interests of the city he has so helped to adorn.

Mr. Batschy was married August 4, 1891, to Miss Louise Schoeneman, who was born in Quincy, and died in the same city, May 29, 1898. One son was born January 1, 1893, John Martin, who, at the time this record is being prepared is in service as first lieutenant in Europe, after graduating in 1917 from the military school at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, for service in the National army in the World war. He is a university man who spent two years in the study of architecture at Boston, Massachusetts, and five years at Washington, Missouri, graduating from both with the highest honors. The stern duty to which he has set his face not only demonstrates personal character and courage, but the spirit of freedom that belongs alike to Switzerland and America.

As a lover of order, an observer of the law, and a believer in those elements that make life in any section more satisfactory and worth while, good housing that includes sanitation and utility, and a recognition of men's duties to one another, Mr. Batschy has often been led to express his opinions publicly but never in a political capacity, for his activity in this direction has always been limited to casting his vote with the republican forces. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, and he is a member of the Congregational Church.

GEORGE T. PEARCE. Adams County has a number of men who do farming on a large scale, commensurate with modern ideals and ideas of business management. One such man now in the high tide of his career and usefulness is George T. Pearce of Houston Township. Mr. Pearce has more than a section of land under his control and management and raises enough grain and livestock to furnish food stuffs for at least a small army.

Mr. Pearce belongs to the old and substantial stock of Adams County. He has always kept close to the soil and to the locality where he was born and reared. He was born on the farm he now owns in Houston Township January 27, 1872. He is a son of John C. and Sarah (Powell) Pearce. His grandparents were David and Elizabeth (Stabler) Pearce. David Pearce was born in Baltimore County, Maryland, March 18, 1807, and died at his home in Gilmer Township of this county December 16, 1878. He was a well educated man and in early life was a teacher. One of his pupils was Elizabeth Stabler, who was born in Pennsylvania September 16, 1808. They were married February 27, 1829, and in 1835 moved to Butler County, Ohio, and from there came to Adams County in 1848. Arriving here in the spring of that year they



located in section 30 of Gilmer Township, acquiring 160 acres of raw land, and they made that their home the rest of their days. David Pearce in the course of time acquired a handsome property and a comfortable home. He served as justice of the peace, was a member of the Masonic order, and he and his wife were both devout Methodists. They had five children: Ruth, Mary A., Elizabeth S., Thomas D. and John C., all now deceased.

John C. Pearce was born in Butler County, Ohio, in 1841 and was seven years of age when brought to Adams County. He grew up on the farm here, attended the public schools, and in April, 1868, married Miss Sarah Powell. She was born in Missouri in 1843. Soon after their marriage they moved to Houston Township, where John C. and his brother Thomas D. bought 320 acres of land. They held it in partnership for a number of years, and later secured another 320 acres adjoining. They then divided the property and John C. Pearce kept his share and at the time of his death owned 400 acres in one body and 180 acres in another part of the township. He put up good buildings, and was properly regarded as one of the most enterprising farmers of his day. In September, 1898, he retired from the farm and moved to Camp Point, a year and a half later went to Bowen, and died at West Point, Illinois, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth McMillan, on June 30, 1915. Mrs. John C. Pearce died in 1901. He was a democrat, as was his father, and served as assessor for twelve years and also as road commissioner. He and his wife were Methodists. They had the following children: Mary Elizabeth, wife of Milo McMillan, of West Point; George T.; and David Otho, who died in infancy.

George T. Pearce, only surviving son of his father, has always lived on the farm where he was born. Besides the public schools he had the advantages of the Gem City Business College at Quincy. He is, in fact, a business man as well as a farmer, and that combination of qualities is the more necessary in successful farming today than ever before. Mr. Pearce has 640 acres in his home place, besides 100 acres of timber and pasture land, and has a half interest in a 100-acre farm near Mount Sterling. Nearly all the products of his land he markets through the route of live stock, and is one of the chief cattle feeders in the northern part of the county. Mr. Pearce has not neglected the call of public duty, has been assessor of the township four years and township clerk, and is now a member of his local school board. He is a democrat, like the rest of the family, and is a member of the Methodist Church.

February 14, 1895, he married Miss Amy Boyd. Mrs. Pearce was born in Pennsylvania August 16, 1871, but has been a resident of Adams County since she was seven years of age. Her parents were Robert and Margaret (Ross) Boyd, the father born in Ireland and the mother in Scotland. In 1878 they came to Adams County, lived for a time on the George Smith farm in Camp Point Township, later settled in Honey Creek Township, and finally in Houston Township, where they spent their last days. The father died in 1908. In the Boyd family were the following children: Edward, Robert R., Sarah A., Jennie, Maude, who died in infancy, Amy and Lilly, twins, and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Pearce have two children: Wilbur C., the son, was born in 1895, was educated in the public school and the Bowen High School, and is also a graduate of Knox College at Galesburg. He was a splendid student and very popular in all college activities, and was valedictorian of his graduating class. After leaving college he came home, and on June 5, 1918, was enrolled in the United States Navy for service in the great war. The daughter, Sarah Ruth, born July 27, 1900, is a graduate of the Bowen High School, and is now in the first year of Knox College.

HON. WILLIAM H. HOFFMAN. A Quincy citizen who has enjoyed many distinctions at the hands of his fellowmen is Hon. William H. Hoffman, a veteran printer and newspaper man, proprietor of a commercial printing establishment in Quincy for a quarter of a century, and especially well known over



the state at large through his valuable services as a member of the State Legislature, representing the Thirty-Sixth District.

Mr. Hoffman is of Scotch-German ancestry, though both his parents and grandparents were born in the United States. He is a son of James M. and Phoebe (Dodge) Hoffman, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. His maternal grandfather, Benjamin Dodge, was a native of New York State, married there, moved to Iowa, and spent the rest of his life on a farm in Appanoose County, where he and his wife died when past eighty-five years of age. They were members of the Baptist Church.

James M. Hoffman and wife were married at Nebraska City when Nebraska was still a territory. It was in that pioneer locality and in pioneer days that William H. Hoffman was born. In 1867 the family moved to Quincy, and his father was for twenty years baggage agent on the Wabash Railroad, and later was transfer mail agent. He finally retired and died at Quincy in 1910, at the age of seventy-six. He was a lifelong democrat and very active in politics. His widow is still living in Quincy, at the age of eighty-four, sound and well in both mind and body. Mr. Hoffman was one of two children. His brother, Charles Leroy, lost his life in a railroad accident on the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad about the time he reached his majority.

Mr. Hoffman was educated in Quincy, attending local schools and early beginning an apprenticeship to learn the printer's trade in the old Quincy Ledger office. The Ledger, long since extinct as a Quincy newspaper, was at that time conducted by David Williams and William Avis. Later Mr. Hoffman was employed on the Quincy Whig and acquired a detailed knowledge of every phase of the newspaper business from printer to editor. For many years he has been a member in good standing in the Typographical Union and Printers' and Pressman's Union. He has been a general commercial printer for twenty-five years, and his establishment at 331 Hampshire Street is one of the best equipped and largest institutions of its kind in Adams County.

Mr. Hoffman has always been a loyal democrat. In 1910 he was nominated by his party for the House of Representatives to represent Adams, Pike, Calhoun and Scott counties. During the session of 1911 Mr. Hoffman prepared the bill known as House Bill No. 203, providing for an efficient system of county highways. This bill did not pass, but its main features and substance are the basis of the bill passed during the session of the Legislature in 1913. During the Forty-Eighth General Assembly Mr. Hoffman was chairman of the committee to visit penal and reformatory institutions, and a member of the appropriation, congressional apportionment, contingent expenses, farm drainage, good roads, parks and boulevards, state and municipal indebtedness, state institutions, Soldiers and Sailors Home and Soldiers Orphans Home committees. Mr. Hoffman was elected to the Legislature in 1910, 1912 and 1914. He was nominated for speaker of the 1912 session and received more votes of his party than had ever been given a democrat in one session in the state before that time, but was beaten by a combination of republicans, progressives and a few democrats.

Thirty years ago Mr. Hoffman was married at Quincy to M. Anna Hoffman, but no relation, who was born in this city and is ten years younger than her husband. She was educated in Quincy. They have two children, C. Leroy and Edna. The son was born in Quincy, is a graduate of the high school and is now superintendent of his father's printing plant. He married Margaret Brose, of Quincy. The daughter, Edna, is a graduate of the Quincy High School and is the wife of Clarence Walker, and they now live in Covington, Kentucky.

CHARLES E. STEINER. In the beautiful and productive region of Columbus Township there are some of the model farms of Adams County. Conspicuous among them is that operated by Charles E. Steiner. This is the old Steiner homestead, located in sections 13 and 14. The land under his management comprises 350 acres, and at least 200 acres have been put under cultivation to the





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crops that succeed best in this soil and climate. A considerable part of his land is seeded to clover and timothy. In a modern farm one of the things that count most is the building equipment. The Steiner farm has everything that could be required in that line, including a fine nine room house, a barn 40x50 feet, with other sheds and outbuildings.

Charles E. Steiner, the present proprietor of the farm, was born there June 9, 1884. As a boy he attended the Oakwood District School, and has spent practically all his life on the land that he now cultivates. He was associated with his father, the late Louis Steiner, in farming the land, and for four years was in partnership with his brother George. Only recently he took over the farm on his own responsibility.

Louis Steiner, his father, was born in New Orleans in 1840. His parents came from Switzerland, and his father died when Louis was a small child. The mother married a second time, wedding a Mr. Hartune, and they came north and settled in Adams County, where both of them died. Louis Steiner was a young boy when he came up the river with his mother and stepfather, and his early training well fitted him for farming. He also followed the business of threshing nearly all his active years. In Columbus Township he married Mary Zeiger. She was born in Germany and was a small child when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Zeiger, came to the United States and settled in Adams County. Her mother died in Columbus Township and was buried on the old farm where Mrs. Steiner was born. William Zeiger died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steiner when past eighty years of age.

Louis Steiner after his marriage took over the management of the Zeiger farm and later became its owner. He put up most of the farm buildings, and made many of the good improvements now seen there. Mrs. Louis Steiner died at the old homestead March 24, 1918, at the age of sixty-four, while Louis Steiner passed away July 22, 1918. Both were reared as Lutherans and Louis Steiner was a democratic voter.

A brief record of the children is as follows: Lizzie, wife of Shannon Wallace, living at Springfield, Illinois, and they have two children, Letha and Laura. Albert Steiner is a farmer at Bowen, Illinois, and by his marriage to Ida Mc-Millan has a daughter, Erma. William is a farmer in Camp Point Township on the old Horner farm, and he married Catherine Horner and has a daughter, Lois. Emma is the wife of Albert Schuhault, a salesman living at Quincy. The next in the family is Charles E. Steiner. Arnie F. married Freda Brakensiek, and he operated the Brakensiek farm in Columbus Township. They have two children, Irene and Harold. George Steiner is married and lives on a farm in Columbus Township.

Charles E. Steiner married October 20, 1910, at Camp Point, Hattie Ware. She was born in Concord Township September 21, 1888, and as a girl attended the Hazel Bluff School House. Her parents were Ezekiel and Sophronia (Amen) Ware, both natives of Adams County. They are still living on the old Amen farm in Concord Township. They were reared in the Dunkard Church but now attend the Holiness. Mr. Ware is a democrat and has held most of the local offices. Mr. and Mrs. Steiner have a daughter, Mildred, born July 20, 1914. He is a democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Wolf Ridge Christian Church.

JACOB G. MANN. One of the most interesting and helpful stories that might be written of individual experience would be that of Jacob G. Mann if his experiences and struggles from early manhood to the present could be told in complete detail. Mr. Mann was first known in Adams County as a farm laborer, and during forty or more years has quietly but effectively built up a farm, acquired important holdings, and has long been recognized as one of the most substantial citizens in Payson Township. His home is in section 21 of that township, three miles southeast of Payson and two miles west of Plainville.

He was born in Wrightsville, York County, Pennsylvania, March 11, 1847.

In the spring of 1868, having reached the age of twenty-one, he came to Adams County with a schoolmate, Joseph Arnold, whose brother, Frank Arnold, was then living in Payson Township. It was that circumstance that led Jacob G. Mann to this community. There for six or seven years he worked at wages as a farm hand, twenty dollars a month and board. That he was thrifty as well as industrious is shown by the fact that he saved a hundred dollars out of each year's earnings. During four seasons of his employment he was with the late Isaac Grove. Having accumulated a little capital and with a desire to get a home of his own, he paid a visit to Kansas, but changed his mind about locating after reaching there, and instead returned to Adams County and bought a small tract of seventeen and a half acres of new ground, with the timber cleared but with the stumps still standing as an obstacle to cultivation. There were no buildings. Nevertheless he paid a thousand dollars for the tract. He built his humble home and lived there three years.

In January, 1875, Mr. Mann had married Caroline Ruby. She was also a native of York County, Pennsylvania, and had come to Adams County with her mother two years after Jacob Mann. Her home was in Payson Township. She was a niece of Mrs. Jacob Harris, who owned a large amount of land in Payson Township.

Three years after buying his first small farm Mr. Mann sold and bought forty-six acres of the Harris farm three miles away. This land, originally owned by Mr. Harris, had been sold in the meantime to T. S. Elliott. Mr. Mann's new purchase included the buildings erected by Mr. Harris. The purchase price was thirty-one hundred dollars, and he paid about half in cash. Much of this land he cleared up and also remodeled the old home built by Mr. Harris. He acquired additional land in the Harris tract until he owned seventy-one acres. Jacob Mann lived there until 1908. He bought a hundred eighteen acres adjoining in 1896, giving him about a hundred ninety acres, and since then has added to his possessions until he has two hundred forty-four acres all in one body. Much of this land has been cleared by his own labors. For one tract of twenty-five acres he paid as high as eighty-seven dollars an acre. He realized some revenue from the sale of wood from the land, but perhaps his chief dependence has been hog raising. It is obvious that Mr. Mann made most of his money and accumulated most of his land by farming under the restricted conditions preceding the present opulent period of agriculture. There were times when he lost whole bunches of hogs from cholera, and there were frequent seasons when his wheat failed to make a crop. He was ten years in paying off his indebtedness, which at one time was as high as seven thousand dollars, and he paid eight per cent interest on his money. He sold hogs as low as two dollars and sixty cents a hundred and other products in proportion. Mr. Mann continued to give his personal supervision to the operation of his farm until about ten years ago. He has erected a complete second set of improvements on the farm.

Mr. Mann is the father of three children: His son John is located in Chicago. He finished his education in the Gem City Business College, and was at one time employed as an expert by the Dairy Show Company. He married Miss Howard, and they have two children, Pearl and John. Myrtle Mann is the wife of Frank Scranton, and they live with Mr. and Mrs. Mann, Mr. Scranton operating part of the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Scranton have two sons, Amos and Harry. Stanley Mann operates the older part of the Mann farm. He married Maud Gillespie, and they have two sons, Minton and Charles.

Mr. Mann is a democrat but has never had a desire to hold office. He is a very active and faithful member of the Payson Congregational Church and a deacon and trustee, having filled the former office for the past fifteen years.

**HENRY DEDERT.** A farm home which is distinctive in many ways of the enterprise and ability of Henry Dedert as a progressive agriculturist is located in section 32 of Mendon Township. He also has a fine farm in Ellington Township. Mr. Dedert comes of a family noted for thrift and all around qualifica-



tions as agriculturists and good citizens and his own record leaves no doubt as to his being a worthy representative of the family name.

His parents, William and Louise (Schlippmann) Dedert, were both born in Westphalia, Germany, and came to America over sixty-five years ago. They were married in Germany and in 1852 took passage on a boat at Bremen and after a voyage of several weeks landed at New Orleans. From there they came by boat up the Mississippi River, landing at Quincy, where William Dedert worked at whatever employment he could find. Later he rented land in Ellington Township, and at the close of the Civil war bought eighty acres in section 10 of that township. Much of this land was uncleared and hardly ready for cultivation, and had no buildings on it. But from that time forward his abilities and energies enabled him to prosper and he made a good farm and provided liberally for his children. His farm before his death comprised 250 acres. Both he and his wife were active members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in which they were confirmed and reared. William Dedert was born January 2, 1819, and died April 24, 1898. His wife was born August 28, 1830, and died April 14, 1912. They were the parents of eleven children, nine sons and two daughters, all of whom married but two, and two sons and one daughter are deceased. Henry Dedert was the second in age. Several of the thrifty sons are specially mentioned in this work.

Mr. Henry Dedert was born on State Street near Eleventh Street in Quincy September 7, 1854. He attended the public schools and from an early age has been a practical farmer and stockman. His farms comprise one in Mendon Township of 100 acres and the one in Ellington Township of 160 acres, each with good houses and barns, and nearly all the land under cultivation and managed with the highest degree of thrift generally characteristic of every Dedert farm.

Mr. Dedert married in Ursa Township Miss Emily Cramm. She was born in Ellington Township and was educated in Melrose and Ursa townships. Her parents were Christian and Emily (Pape) Cramm, both natives of Germany. Her father born December 7, 1825, and her mother January 7, 1832. Her father came alone to America before his marriage and he and his wife were married in Adams County. They spent the rest of their lives in the county and died in Ursa Township, the father on July 23, 1878, and the mother February 16, 1913, at the age of eighty-two. Both were members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Dedert have an interesting family of children. Edward, the oldest, is a farmer in Mendon Township and by his marriage to Edith Kuhlman has three children, Harriet, Hurbert and Eleanor. Lydia is the wife of Fred Ellerbrock, a resident of Ursa Township, and their children are Raymond, Leaton and Freda. Dora M. was well educated in the local schools and is still at home with her parents. Fred is a farmer in Ellington Township and married Bessie Wiesenborn. They have one son, Alfred. Rosa is the wife of Charles Buhra, a farmer in Ursa Township, and by a former marriage Mr. Buhra had a daughter, Esther. Walter helps his father on the home farm. Four children died: Clara, at the age of thirteen; William, at the age of five months; Christian, at the age of eleven years; and Sophia, when four days old. The family are all members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mr. Dedert is a republican, his father having been of the same political faith, while Mrs. Dedert's father was a democrat.

JACOB W. MCCLINTOCK. A long and interesting story might be woven concerning the ancestry of Jacob W. McClintock, the well known farmer, stockman and citizen of Columbus Township. As the name indicates the McClintock's were originally Scotch. One of the chief reasons for emigration two or three centuries ago was religious persecution. The McClintocks moved over into Londonderry, Ireland, and some of them participated in the famous siege of



Londonderry. They were all Scotch Presbyterians. The McClintocks intermarried with the Glasgows.

The family came to America in the persons of three brothers prior to the Revolutionary war. One of these brothers was Joseph Warren McClintock, great-grandfather of Jacob W. He served as a soldier in the Revolution. He spent all his life after coming to America in Pennsylvania. His son Joseph was born in Pennsylvania and married Jean Glasgow. She was a Scotch woman and had come to America with her brother James. Joseph Warren McClintock went over the mountains into Kentucky after the Revolutionary war, and eventually located at Millersburg, in Bourbon County, Kentucky. In Bourbon County and in St. Clair County, Illinois, the McClintocks had more than local fame for their stables of thoroughbred Kentucky race horses. They had been fanciers of fine stock of different kinds through all the generations. Mr. Jacob W. McClintock himself has long been interested in the better breeding of hogs, sheep and cattle, and he owned the first thoroughbred Shropshire sheep in Adams County. It was about 1816 that the McClintocks settled in St. Clair County, bringing with them the stock from Kentucky. Joseph Warren McClintock died there at the age of sixty-five and his wife when past ninety. In Illinois they became identified with the Baptist Church.

John McClintock, father of Jacob W., was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, November 27, 1807. He was nine years of age when the family settled in St. Clair County, Illinois, and he grew up there as a farmer and stockman. When a young man he came to Adams County, Illinois, on September 13, 1836, married Barbara Wolfe. She was born in Union County, Illinois, in 1815, and came to Adams County when a girl with her parents, Rev. George and Anna (Hunsaker) Wolfe. Rev. George Wolfe has a fixed place in the early history of Adams County and is frequently referred to. He was the pioneer minister of the Dunkard Church, and organized a number of churches of that denomination in this country and in Pike and Hancock counties. The old church in Liberty Township is still in existence. Rev. George Wolfe died here at the age of eighty-five and his wife at sixty-five. He is remembered as a very large and strong man, standing six feet 6 inches and weighing 245 pounds. His goodness of heart and beneficence of character were as notable as his physical makeup.

John McClintock and wife after their marriage returned to St. Clair County, Illinois, but in 1841 came back to Adams County and bought 100 acres in section 6 of Liberty Township and in 1845 acquired 145 acres in section 31 of Columbus Township. It is this second farm that is now owned and occupied by Jacob W. McClintock, his youngest son and only living child. The Liberty Township farm was first improved with a cabin home and about 1851 John McClintock built a substantial frame house. He died in that home in 1873. He and his wife were members of the Brethren Church and he was a lay preacher. The McClintocks have always been democrats.

The children of John McClintock and wife were: George, who died leaving no children; Joseph W., who also died without children; Jane married Robert Carsey, and she left two children, Alice V., an artist in Chicago, and Edward A., a teacher who is now an instructor in Camp Johnston in Florida.

Jacob W. McClintock was born on the old homestead in Liberty Township February 2, 1852. He was educated in the local schools, attending the West Union School. On November 24, 1880, he married Nellie Harding. Mrs. McClintock, who has long been prominent socially and in church and other activities, was born in Buckinghamshire, England, November 29, 1859. Her mother, Elizabeth Rose, died when her daughter was five years of age. In the fall of 1870 Mrs. McClintock arrived at Quincy with her father, Thomas Harding, and his second wife, Lucy Harding. Thomas Harding died in Quincy, and his second wife is still living there.

Mr. and Mrs. McClintock in 1884 moved to their Columbus Township farm in section 31, and here in the past thirty-five years they have developed one of

the best country homes in Adams County. He has 145 acres in his farm, and has always specialized in high graded stock.

Mr. and Mrs. McClintock have a family of interesting children: Nellie B., attended the local high school, graduated from the Quincy Business College and Macomb Normal School and taught school a short time. She is the wife of Pierre Nooy, and they live in St. Louis, where her husband is a railroad man. Ada M., who was educated in the high school and normal colleges, has been a teacher in the State of Colorado and recently proved her energy and independence by proving up a claim of 320 acres near Colorado Springs. John T. McClintock, who was educated in the township schools, is farming the J. W. Henry place, a 200-acre grain and stock farm in Burton Township. He married Martha Parmalee, daughter of Capt. Henry Parmalee, and they have a son, John Jacob Henry. Robert M. McClintock, who is associated with his father on the home farm, married Lessie M. Akers. She died February 6, 1918, at the age of twenty-three.

Mrs. McClintock and her son are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. McClintock has been a justice of the peace for many years and has held several local offices. He has been active in Liberty Loan drives, and his public spirit has been displayed on every occasion where some local interest has been at stake.

JACOB THURWACHTER. One of the prosperous families of Columbus Township whose record should be preserved in this publication is that of Jacob Thurwachter. His fine farm of 250 acres is located in sections 19, 30 and 16, the home and grounds being in section 19. Most of the land is in a high state of improvement and cultivation. He derives most of his revenue from stock raising, and has a number of good grade Red Polled cattle, and a cross of Poland China and Red Jersey hogs.

This farm was originally owned by P. P. Thomas, and in 1901 Mr. Thurwachter bought it. It has a substantial ten-room house, constructed in 1888, of the good construction and timbers of that time, and carefully kept in repair. There is also a full equipment of barns and sheds, generously provided with grain and stock. The interesting veteran of Mr. Thurwachter's livestock is a mare, now more than thirty years old, named Molly, and she has given effective service to her owner for over twenty-six years.

Mr. Thurwachter has been a resident of Columbus Township since 1886, and prior to that from the age of seven was a resident of Honey Creek Township. He was born near Palmyra in Marion County, Missouri, April 20, 1860, son of George A. and Magdalena (Siple) Thurwachter. His father was a native of Bavaria and his mother of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. They came to America when young people, by sailing vessels, landed at New Orleans and thence came up the Missouri River. They married in Missouri and most of their children were born there. In 1867 the Thurwachter family came to Adams County, and a daughter now Mrs. Emma Frike, was born in Quincy. A year later the family moved to Coatsburg, where the children were reared and where the father died in August, 1880, at the age of fifty-three. His widow survived him a number of years and passed away at the age of sixty-three. They were members of the Lutheran Church and the father was independent in politics.

Jacob Thurwachter was the second son and third child of four sons and two daughters. A son, Henry, was killed when a young man in California, and a daughter, Mary, died at the age of six years. Louis is now a resident of California, a widower, and has a son, George, with the colors in France. Charles is a farmer near Kewanee, Illinois, is also a widower and has three children, Russell, Florence and Dell. Anna is the wife of Elza Frike, of Adams County, and has three children, Ruth, Mabel and Anna, the two older married and Anna a teacher.

Jacob Thurwachter first attended school in the old schoolhouse at Quincy where the courthouse now stands. After that he was educated at Coatsburg.



He married at Coatsburg Miss Isadora Emery. Mrs. Thurwachter was born in Honey Creek Township February 4, 1863, and as a girl attended the old Center School House. She is a daughter of Thomas S. and Lucy (Shandrow) Emery. Thomas S. Emery was born near Portland, Maine, January 10, 1818, and came to Adams County as a pioneer in 1838. His wife, Lucy Shandrow, was born in Vermont December 31, 1825, and was brought to Adams County when a small child. Thomas S. Emery came to Adams County by railroad as far as Philadelphia, thence by stage over the mountains to Pittsburgh and down the river to Quincy. He lived at Quincy about fifteen years and followed his trade as a tailor. In 1850 he crossed the plains to California, the trip requiring about four months. After thirteen months in the mines he returned to the Middle West in 1853, but in 1856 made another trip west, this time by water from New York around the Isthmus. In 1857 he permanently settled in Adams County and bought a farm in Honey Creek Township, in section 21. He became owner of 400 acres, and was one of the highly prosperous citizens of that locality. While he was mowing in his fields his team became frightened by bees, and he was thrown in front of the sickle bar and both his feet had to be amputated. He died in 1882. His widow survived him seventeen years.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurwachter have three children: Ruby, born in 1883, was educated in Columbus Township and is now the wife of Herman Miller, who has an automobile repair shop in Columbus Village. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have children named Neva, Eldon and Florence, all attending school. Bessie, the second child, was educated in the Robinson schoolhouse, and is now living in California. Verna, the youngest, was also educated in the local schools and lives with her sister in California. Mr. Thurwachter has been a school director for nineteen years, and has always been interested in educational and other concerns affecting his home locality. Politically he votes as a democrat.

ANDREW T. ECKHOFF. For over forty years the late Andrew T. Eckhoff was numbered among the prosperous and progressive farmers of Columbus Township. His old homestead is in section 23. Today it is recognized as one of the best managed farms in the county, and its management and productiveness are a high tribute to the energies and capabilities of two interesting women, daughters of Mr. Eckhoff. It is only recently that farming has come to be considered anything but a man's job, and yet some of the most conspicuous successes have been made by women. Miss Anna M. and Miss Emma H. Eckhoff did not take up farming through the pressure of war necessity, but had been doing capable work in that role for a number of years prior to the present economic and military crisis. They know how to farm, they are good farmers and good managers, and there is hardly a detail in the industry in which it could fairly be said men excel them. During 1917 these sisters sold \$4,000 worth of livestock from their farm, and it has not been an unusual thing for their farm to produce that much or more every year.

Andrew T. Eckhoff was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, August 19, 1827, of old Hanoverian stock of Lutheran religion. His parents spent all their lives in Hanover and his father, Richard Eckhoff, was a farmer. Andrew T. Eckhoff was a young man when he journeyed by sailing vessel from Bremen to New Orleans, being six weeks on the voyage, and immediately on arrival came up the river to Quincy. He found employment on a farm in Riverside Township owned by Mr. Turner. Later he lived in Morgan County, Illinois, and there in 1864 he married Mrs. Harnke Emma (Tholen) Deterding. Her first husband, Herman Deterding, died when about thirty years of age, and left three children: William, Jennie and Henry. All of them are married. Jennie died in 1889 and Henry in 1901, leaving five children. William Deterding is now living in the northern part of Adams County, near Big Neck, is married and has two sons and three daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Eckhoff shortly after the close of the Civil war bought 320 acres in section 23 of Columbus Township from Mr. Owen. They at once occu-



pied this land and spent many years in bringing it into a high degree of cultivation. It was their home throughout the rest of their lives. Mrs. Eckhoff died there February 11, 1906, at the age of seventy-four, and Mr. Eckhoff passed away April 29, 1907, when nearly eighty years of age. They joined and were active members of the Christian Church and Mr. Eckhoff was a republican in politics.

Of their three children one was born in Morgan County and two on the old farm in this county. The three children are Anna M., Thomas and Emma H.

The son Thomas was born on the old homestead May 12, 1870, was reared and educated there, and is now a successful farm owner in Columbus Township. He married Flora E. Shultz, and their living children are Edna E., Dottie E., Norman M., Hazel M. and Flora T. Their daughter Etta died at the age of fifteen.

Of the two sisters whose work entitles them to so high a place among Adams County agriculturists, Anna was born in Morgan County and was two years of age when her parents moved to the old home in Columbus Township. She attended the Excelsior district school. She and her sister have named their farm the Excelsior Farm. Emma Eckhoff was born on the old homestead and attended the same school as her sister. Besides operating the farm left them by their father they have added forty-five acres of valuable land and twenty-five acres of timber. These sisters and their brother Thomas all joined the Christian Church on Christmas Day, December 25, 1893.

SIMON H. BRAKENSIEK. While in no sense the biggest and best known, one of the most interesting and significant manufacturing enterprises in Adams County is located at the Village of Columbus. Its significance and value are better appreciated and understood than they would have been even two or three years ago, owing to the world wide scarcity of sugar and all the varied products of sugar cane, a typically tropical plant. It seems probable that for years to come the world will suffer a near famine in sugar, whether made from the cane or from the beet. In this critical situation other substitutes are eagerly sought and now as never before is a time for the exploitation of certain manufactured products which in earlier years were a familiar article of everyday diet, but in the recent past have nearly lost commercial importance.

The factory at Columbus, the proprietor of which is Simon H. Brakensiek, is equipped and specialized for the manufacture of sorghum molasses. Thirty or forty years ago, all over the states in the Mississippi Valley, nearly every home laid in its annual supply of sorghum molasses to supplement the rather scarce and high priced brown or refined sugars made from sugar cane. But to the younger people of the present generation sorghum molasses might be said to be almost unknown. Its delicacy and richness of flavor many would claim far superior to the cheap molasses and syrups manufactured in enormous quantities and largely from by-products.

Mr. Brakensiek has therefore performed a valuable public service in continuing the manufacture of this rare product, and such is the renewed appreciation of it today that he could readily find a market for ten times more than his plant can produce. With the exception of about five years Mr. Brakensiek has followed this specialty ever since he reached manhood. He learned the art under his father, who was a pioneer molasses manufacturer in Adams County. Simon H. Brakensiek has been in the business for twenty-five years in Columbus Township, and for the past eight years his plant has been in the Village of Columbus.

His plant is thoroughly modern and up to date, though it does not involve any of the extensive machinery found in sugar refineries and factories. The sorghum cane is crushed between rollers, and the juices are separated and reduced in vats much after the manner of the manufacture of maple sugar. Naturally Mr. Brakensiek has introduced many improvements, and his long experience has given him a masterly skill, enabling him to judge just the proper time for working up the cane, and he keeps his trained eye upon every subse-

quent process until the molasses is sealed in cans under an appropriate label of his own device. His plant has a capacity of 150 gallons a day, and during the grinding season in the past year he has made over 100 gallons a day. The sorghum is placed and sealed in one gallon tin containers, and he has brought about such improvements and refinements in the process of manufacture that it is asserted the molasses will remain unimpaired in quality and flavor for twenty years. Mr. Brakensiek has about 150 customers who take all the capacity of his plant, and at the end of the season in 1918 he began preparations to double his capacity so as to meet the increased demand. Mr. Brakensiek has fourteen acres of land near the village, and besides his plant he cultivates all the available acreage in sorghum cane every year.

He was born in Columbus Township January 18, 1862, a son of Gottlieb and Henrietta Brakensiek. His parents were born in Germany and were married in Quincy. They lived for a number of years in Columbus Township, and the mother died at Carthage, Illinois, in 1883. Gottlieb Brakensiek died at the home of his son Fred September 14, 1890. As already noted, he was a sorghum maker in Columbus Township, and Simon worked as a boy around the mill and evaporating pans, learning every branch of the business. During that time he acquired his education by attending the Lost Prairie District School in Liberty Township. In Ellington Township Mr. Brakensiek married Miss Anna C. Krieger. She was born in Quincy February 24, 1865, and was reared partly in Quincy and partly in Ellington Township and attended school there. Her parents were Henry and Charlotta Krieger, natives of Germany, who came to the United States when young and were married in Quincy. Her father was a painter and died when about thirty-five years of age. Her mother survived many years and passed away at Hoopston, Illinois. She was three times married, and had children by her first and last husbands.

Mr. and Mrs. Brakensiek have five children. Roy E., the oldest, is a contractor in cement work at Indianapolis, Indiana. He married in Columbus Township Bessie McCann, and they have a son, Frank. Virgil S. Brakensiek, like the other children, was born and reared and educated in Columbus Township, and he is now an employe of the Burlington Railway. He married Lila Wheeler, of Columbus Township, and has one daughter, Grace. Aldo M. is still at home and working for his father. Alva E. has finished his school work and is also at home. Harry, the youngest, is now in the Quincy High School. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mr. Brakensiek is one of its stewards. He is a republican, and has filled the office of township assessor and has been a member of the School Board.

ARTHUR FRANK MORRIS, whose life has been devoted steadily and quietly to the routine business of farming on the old Morris homestead in Payson Township, has a very interesting ancestry, and it can be said that his life and character have measured up to the worthy ideals of this substantial American stock.

This branch of the Morris family is descended from the Robert Morris who came from England to the American colonies prior to the Revolutionary war and settled in Maryland. It was a son of the brother of this Robert Morris whose name appears as one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Robert's son Lovell was born about 1762. He married Mary Zigler in 1788. In 1795 he moved to Virginia, and seven years later to Hog Run in Licking County, Ohio. During the War of 1812 he and three sons, John, William and Charles, were under the command of Major Tupper in the army of Gen. William Henry Harrison. Lovell Morris and wife both died in Licking County when about sixty-five years of age. There is an interesting old account of Mrs. Lovell Morris, and following the language of the time it should be here set down. Her religion was of the primitive emotional nature, the old shouting kind. So pronounced was it that many were shocked and she was excluded for



some years from the communion until the spirit of real religion produced such a revival that hundreds embraced the same heights of ecstasy, and then she was recognized as possessing the true essence of the Divine Spirit.

William Morris, second son of Lovell Morris, was four years old when the family moved to Licking County, Ohio, in 1801. He married there Charlotte Purdy March 26, 1826. In 1838 he came to Payson, Adams County, Illinois, and that date places him among the real pioneers of this county. He lived a long and useful life and died at his home in Payson June 11, 1870, aged seventy-two. His wife died March 15, 1878, aged seventy. William Morris was a whig, later affiliating with the republicans, and in religion was an ardent Methodist.

His own career was noteworthy and he also has the honor due to being father of several worthy sons. His children to reach maturity were: William Harrison, born April 22, 1837, and died December 9, 1912; George, born August 1, 1839, died February 6, 1879; David, born October 27, 1841, died January 11, 1910; and Richard, born May 8, 1844, died June 5, 1906. Of William Harrison Morris special comment is reserved for a later paragraph.

George Morris, the second son of William, graduated in medicine at Cincinnati and saw three years of active service as an assistant surgeon in the Union army during the Civil war. Later he practiced at Craigstown in Adams County until the close of his life. He married Mary E. Beebe, who died at St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1884. Their son Alvin A. is a graduate of the Harvard Law School and is now a successful attorney at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

David Morris, the third son of William, was also a soldier in the Civil war and afterwards was an inspector of customs at San Francisco during the Cleveland administration. He died at Oakland, California. Richard Morris, the youngest of the four sons, served through the Civil war, though being very young when that struggle started, and afterwards was a farmer in Western Nebraska. He died at Farmington, New Mexico. He had two sons, William H. and Edward, and the latter is with the American Expeditionary Forces in the great European war.

William Harrison Morris was born April 22, 1837, and was one year old when his parents located in Adams County. He grew up at the old home in section 21 of Payson Township, near Pigeon Creek. The old house built by his father is still standing, and is one of the most spacious in the country, having been erected when material was abundant and cheap, and when people cared more for roominess than comfort and coziness.

September 19, 1861, William H. Morris married Miss Jennie Fowler. They were married nearly forty-five years at her death April 15, 1906. In 1862 William H. Morris located on the farm now owned by his son Arthur F., and in 1883 erected the present residence there. He was a stanch republican, and latterly gave stanch support to the prohibition cause. He and his wife were Baptists. He was held in high esteem and enjoyed an extensive acquaintance. His wife is kindly remembered by a host of people in Adams County. He and his wife had three children, Edgar, Minnie and Arthur Frank. Edgar is a well known commission man, of the firm of Stacy & Sons of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is one of the best known apple men in the county, regarded as an authority on that subject. Minnie is the wife of Emmor E. Thompson, a well known citizen of Payson, concerning whom more is said on other pages of this publication.

Arthur Frank Morris was born on the farm where he now resides February 15, 1869. He received a common school education in the local schools and in Payson High School, then attended the Illinois State Normal for two years, after which he taught school for several years. Since then he has given his time and energies to the cultivation and improvement of the farm, which is regarded as one of the best in this rich and prosperous agricultural community.

December 13, 1896, he married Ina Wilson, of Kinderhook, Illinois. They have one daughter, Vera, born September 15, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Morris are



identified with the Payson Congregational Church, of which he is a deacon. He is a member of Payson Lodge No. 379, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

**RICHARD S. CURRY.** Probably no one family contributed more of the physical energy and the sterling citizenship which built a community than the Curry family in Clayton Township. As a family they came into the wilds of Western Illinois more than eighty years ago. Some of the sons and daughters comprising the second generation were children at the time of the settlement in Adams County, and only a few of them are still represented in the active citizenship, one being Richard S. Curry, who for many years has lived retired at Camp Point.

The responsible head of the family at the time of its settlement here was Thomas Curry, who was born in Kentucky March 2, 1802. He married Malinda Murphy, who was born in Kentucky November 6, 1807. They made the memorable journey from Kentucky to Western Illinois in 1836 and settled in Clayton Township, Adams County. Thomas Curry acquired 320 acres there, and also some timber land, and he directed his efforts toward the reclamation of his land and the general improvement of the country. He was prospered, and spent many years in comfortable retirement in the Village of Clayton, where he died in 1891, at the venerable age of ninety. His wife died at the age of seventy-two. Thomas Curry began voting as a Kentucky whig, was an admirer of Henry Clay, and subsequently became allied with the republican party. He and his wife were active members of the Christian Church. A brief record of their numerous family is as follows: Benjamin Allen, who was born in Kentucky May 8, 1825, and became one of the leading citizens of Clayton Township, an extensive land owner, a manufacturer and merchant, and honored with many public offices; Mary, who was born September 17, 1826; Susan, born February 25, 1828; Richard S.; William, who was born July 30, 1833; Sallie, born January 4, 1835, still living as Mrs. Bradley; Christopher, born November 9, 1836, became a farmer in Clayton Township and reared a large family of children; Nancy Ellen, born October 1, 1839; Henry Harrison, born July 8, 1841, who served three years as a Union soldier; James T., born July 13, 1843; Sampson O., born April 22, 1845; Pauline, born April 14, 1847; and Daniel O., born February 23, 1851.

Richard S. Curry was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky, January 22, 1830, and was six years of age when the family moved to Clayton Township and established their home in an old log house in section 32. From that home he went during the winter seasons to attend the neighboring schools, and his early training brought out all the hardy virtues and accomplishments of the frontier youth. After attaining manhood he bought eighty acres in Clayton Township, land which he subsequently sold to his father-in-law, and then bought 124 acres of the old homestead in section 32. That was considered a high class farm at the time, and commanded the price of \$70 an acre. However, land values increased wonderfully during Mr. Curry's ownership, and when he sold the place in 1917 its approximate value was \$200 an acre. Mr. Curry has lived retired from the active responsibilities of farming many years, having moved to Camp Point Village in 1885. He had one of the good homes of the Village, which was burned in 1911, and he at once rebuilt it. Mr. Curry is a republican and served on the school board while living in the country. For many years he has been affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has been a sustaining member of the Christian Church.

September 1, 1853, Mr. Curry married Miss Mary Virginia Booth. She was born in Virginia March 24, 1834, daughter of Milton Booth, who was one of the early settlers of Adams County. Mr. and Mrs. Curry were married nearly thirty years before the death of the wife in 1881. She was the mother of seven children: Susanna Jane, born May 18, 1854; Anna M., born January 12, 1858, died January 30, 1875; John Marcus, born December 7, 1861; Sarah Ellen, born October 14, 1863; Harriet M., born March 13, 1866; Lottie B., born

December 12, 1867, now deceased; and Desdemona, born September 3, 1874. On December 20, 1883, Mr. Curry married for his present wife Miss Susan Lewis. She was born on the old Lewis homestead in Adams County December 2, 1849, daughter of Henry M. and Sarah (Kelley) Lewis, members of a prominent family elsewhere mentioned in this work. By his second wife Mr. Curry has one child, Cora Armenia, wife of William E. Stecher, of Camp Point. Mr. and Mrs. Stecher have one child, William Curry Stecher.

JOHN W. SHERRICK, now a retired resident of Camp Point, gave several of his youthful years to his country as a soldier of the Union, and came home from that great conflict on crutches. The major part of his active life was spent in Houston Township, and as a farmer and land owner his energy and resourcefulness brought him ample rewards and insured his independence and comfort in later years.

The old home of the Sherrick family in Houston Township was in section 20, and many acres of good land in that locality were redeemed from the wilderness by the Sherricks. John W. Sherrick was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, April 3, 1842, son of Martin and Susanna (Strickler) Sherrick. His father was born in Fayette County in 1815 and his mother in 1819. They were married in Fayette County in 1837 and in 1844 Martin Sherrick came to Adams County and bought land in Houston Township. In 1846 he came here with his family and was one of the industrious farmers of that community until his death in 1875. His widow survived him over thirty years and passed away in 1907. Martin Sherrick was a republican, and served in various local offices, including justice of the peace. He and his wife were both active in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was affiliated with the Masons. In their family were seven children, and the two still living are John W. and Joel D.

Four years old when brought to Adams County, John W. Sherrick spent his boyhood in the environment of Houston Township. Besides the advantages afforded by the district schools there he attended school at Quincy during 1858-59. It was his great privilege while at Quincy in 1858 to be a boy witness and auditor of one of the great debates between Lincoln and Douglas held in that year. He thus came under the spell of the great Illinois statesman, and it was a matter of patriotism as well as civic duty that impelled him to take up arms for the Union when the war came on. He enlisted in Company H of the Seventy-Third Illinois Infantry, was mustered in as a sergeant, and later was promoted to second lieutenant of his company. He was with the army of the Cumberland in most of its campaigns from October 8, 1862, until Chickamauga, where he was wounded and returned home on a furlough for two months. He then rejoined his regiment and was discharged June 25, 1865. After his honorable discharge and some recuperation Mr. Sherrick taught school in Adams County, and in 1865 became an independent land owner, purchasing 180 acres, 160 acres of prairie and 20 acres of timber. The cultivation and improvement of this land forthwith occupied all his time and labor, and the fruits of his enterprise he reinvested in other land until he became owner of 670 acres, which he still retains. He remained a resident on his farm until 1889, and since then has lived in Camp Point and in later years has more and more relieved himself of the active share and responsibilities of business. On coming to Camp Point he bought twenty acres in and adjoining the village, but has since sold all but four acres, which surrounds his beautiful home known as the Seaton Place.

Mr. Sherrick is a republican in politics. While in Houston Township he served as road commissioner. He is affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, with Lodge No. 197 of Masons, with Camp Point Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and it is interesting that he took his first degree in Masonry in February, 1865, at Huntsville, Alabama, while still in the army. Mr. Sherrick attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On August 11, 1862, fifty-six years ago, Mr. Sherrick married Miss America



Woods. She is a member of one of the oldest of Adams County families, being a sister of Samuel Woods of Quincy and a daughter of Samuel and Amanda Woods, who came to Adams County during the early '30s. Mr. and Mrs. Sherrick have two daughters, Susie and Lucy, the latter still at home. Susie married Rev. A. K. Byrns, who is now pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Bloomington, Illinois. Rev. and Mrs. Byrns have one daughter, Guinevere, a student in the Bloomington High School.

ALOIS J. BLICKHAN, M. D. Representing one of the staunch older families in the history of Quincy, Doctor Blickhan was born and reared in this city, has spent most of his active years here, and for over a quarter of a century has filled a place of great usefulness in the community as a capable physician and surgeon.

He was born at the old family homestead on State Street in Quincy, June 25, 1866, son of John and Louise (Lambod) Blickhan. His eleven brothers and sisters were all born in the same house on State Street. John Blickhan was a native of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and came to Quincy in the early '40s. He was a carriagemaker by trade and founded in this city the Blickhan Carriage Manufacturing Company, a substantial industry that he prosperously conducted for many years. John Blickhan acquired considerable property and spent his last years practically retired. The mother, a native of France, came to the United States as a child and is living in Atlantic City, New Jersey, aged eighty-seven years.

Doctor Blickhan was a practical printer before he was a physician. He was educated in the public schools and in the Gem City Business College, but in the meantime had learned the trade of printer in the office of the Job Printing Company. As a journeyman he followed his trade in several different states. He was working as a printer in St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1887, when chance brought to him some medical works, and a casual interest deepened into a profound study and eventually turned all his thoughts and ambitions toward the medical profession. Doctor Blickhan thoroughly earned every step of his preparation and promotion to professional success. For two years he attended Rush Medical College of Chicago and paid his expenses while in college by working as a printer. In 1890 he entered Keokuk Medical College at Keokuk, Iowa, where he graduated in the spring of 1891. He had earned a portion of his expenses at Keokuk as clerk in a hotel at Burlington, Iowa.

Since graduating from medical college Doctor Blickhan has been steadily devoted to a growing general practice at Quincy, and is skilled both in surgery and general medicine. He is a member in good standing of the County and State Medical societies and the American Medical Association.

Doctor Blickhan married at Quincy Miss Nina Duker, a daughter of the late John Herman Duker, who in his time was one of Quincy's most prominent business men and bankers. Doctor and Mrs. Blickhan have two sons: Norbith H. and Arthur, both of whom are students in St. Francis Catholic College at Quincy. The family are members of St. Boniface Catholic Church and Doctor Blickhan is a charter member of the Knights of Columbus, Council of Quincy, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Doctor Blickhan is the largest ice packer in Quincy, having large ice houses and the latest machinery for the conduct of the business. He has a beautiful home, has been quite an extensive traveler, is an interesting, companionable fellow and has been successful in his professional and business undertakings.

REV. ROBERT A. OMER. A long and active service in the Evangelical ministry has distinguished the career of Robert A. Omer of Camp Point. It is significant that some of his most fruitful work has been done in his old home community where he was born and reared and where he still resides.

He is identified with this locality by some of the oldest family relationships of Camp Point Township. His father, Daniel Omer, a son of Jacob and Priscilla (Curry) Omer, was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky, near Louisville,





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September 5, 1828. He was reared on a farm and in 1855 came to Adams County and located on land in section 24 of Camp Point Township, where he lived until his death. His first year in the county he rented land, then bought eighty acres, and kept adding by other purchases until his estate at the time of his death comprised 500 acres. He was a republican, but never an aspirant to office, and he and his wife were very active members of the Christian Church. Daniel Omer died in 1910. He married Delilah Hoke, who was born in Kentucky in 1831, daughter of Leonard and Barbara Hoke. They married in July, 1851, and lived together as man and wife for more than half a century. Mrs. Daniel Omer died in 1903. They had a family of seven children: Robert Ayres; James Edward, now deceased; Oscar Elsworth; Ellis Rousseau; Effie M.; and Fannie and John Crittenden, both of whom died young.

Robert A. Omer was born in Camp Point Township September 8, 1857, and grew up on the old homestead. He attended the country schools, the Maplewood High School at Camp Point and Abingdon College one year. Another year he spent in Christian University at Canton, Missouri, and still another year in Eureka College at Eureka, Illinois. He was a school teacher for two years in his early life and in 1881 was ordained to the Christian ministry. During nearly all his active years as a minister he has retained his home at Camp Point, and from there has looked after his charges in various surrounding churches. For fifteen years Reverend Omer was engaged part of the year in Evangelical work, and during that time he preached in nearly every state of the Union, though chiefly in Iowa, Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky. For a number of years he was pastor of the Christian Church at Camp Point and the most successful meetings he ever held were in this old community. He now devotes his time to preaching for churches in the immediate vicinity, holding occasional revival meetings and doing lyceum work during the Chautauqua season. His efforts and influence as a minister have brought more than 10,000 persons into the church.

Rev. Mr. Omer owns one of the fine homes at Camp Point and is also owner of eighty acres of the old Omer homestead farm and seventy acres in another tract. He has always been interested in politics for the sake of good government in his home locality and is affiliated with the republican party. He is a member of the Masonic Order and the Knights of Pythias.

December 27, 1881, Rev. Mr. Omer married Miss Jessie B. Dewey. Mrs. Omer was born at Mendon in this county March 24, 1864, a daughter of L. D. Dewey, one of the prominent citizens of Camp Point Township. Her father was born in Chautauqua County, New York, August 13, 1827, son of Russell and Elizabeth (Meeks) Dewey. Russell Dewey was a miller by trade and also a local preacher of the Methodist Church. It was his intimate friendship with the great Lorenzo Dow which accounts for the name given his son. Lorenzo Dow Dewey came to Adams County in 1848, and for fifteen years had charge of the Fletcher Mill on Bear Creek in Honey Creek Township. He also spent two years in Quincy as a grain dealer and was a farmer in Mendon. He married February 28, 1847, Amanda Fletcher, who was born in Ohio April 14, 1827. When Mrs. Omer was eight years of age her parents came to Camp Point, where her father took charge of the Casco Mills.

Rev. and Mrs. Omer had three children, only one of whom is now living. The oldest, Roy D., died in infancy and Zula G. died in 1894, at the age of nineteen. She was just at the entrance upon a promising womanhood, having graduated from the Maplewood High School, and during her school work having won three medals for elocution.

The living son, Floy D., is a graduate of the Maplewood High School, the Gem City Business College, and is a successful young business man at Camp Point, where he has a vulcanizing and motor repair establishment and handles batteries and other motor accessories. He married Grace Sigler, of Memphis, Tennessee, and Reverend Omer and wife are very proud of their two grandchildren, Robert Charles and Mary Belle.



J. ALBERT MARSHALL has spent practically all his life in Columbus Township. On reaching manhood he had about the same opportunities that most young men have, but has vigorously prosecuted all his advantages and managed his affairs so well that he is now one of the large and successful farmers of that locality, with 200 acres in section 29. Of this extensive farm he has 140 acres improved and cultivated, the rest being in timber and pasture. He gives his attention to the entire farm, grows large crops and is doing much with good livestock, cattle and hogs in particular. Mr. Marshall bought and located on this farm in 1901. For five years previously he had lived on another place in the same section. Since coming to his farm he has erected a good class of farm buildings, including a barn 28x32 feet, with a 12-foot shed on one side, and he also has a cattle shed 20x48 feet. The barn improvements he erected in 1903 and his good substantial farm house of seven rooms was built in 1901.

Mr. Marshall was born in Columbus Township April 15, 1864. He grew up here, was educated in the common schools, and has been a farmer for over thirty years. He is a son of John C. and Mary E. (DeMoss) Marshall. His father was born in Europe April 6, 1840, and on his sixth birthday his parents set out for the United States. After seven weeks on a sailing vessel they landed at New Orleans, came up the river to Quincy, and soon afterward located on a new farm in Liberty Township. In 1853 the family moved to Columbus Township, acquiring a tract of wild land in the northwest quarter of section 29. The first improvement was a hewed log house. The grandparents spent the rest of their days there and made a good farm of it. They died when between fifty and sixty years of age. They were Protestant in religion.

John C. Marshall grew up on the farm in Adams County and married Miss DeMoss, who was born in Columbus Township July 4, 1844, daughter of Peter DeMoss, one of the noted pioneers of the county, who owned a large amount of land in Columbus Township. Mr. and Mrs. DeMoss both died in Adams County. His wife whose maiden name was Catherine Herring, lived to be eighty-seven years of age.

John C. Marshall and wife after their marriage lived on the old home farm three years, when he bought land in section 29 and some years later added to his possessions. He lived the life of a practical farmer and died there in 1888. His widow is still living, at the age of seventy-four, hale and hearty, and is a much respected resident of Columbus Village. Both parents were members of the Christian Church.

J. Albert Marshall was the oldest in a family of nine children, five sons and four daughters. All of them are still living and all married except Garnett, who lives with his mother.

J. Albert Marshall married Minnie R. Gibbs. She was born at Coatsburg in this county February 18, 1868, and was reared and educated there. Before her marriage she was a successful teacher. Her parents are Charles M. and Frances (Murray) Gibbs. Her father is still living at Coatsburg, at the age of eighty-one, and, as noted on other pages, is a veteran railroad employe, having been station agent at Coatsburg more than fifty years. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have three children: Mary, born in 1899, was educated in the township schools and is still at home; Orin L., born in 1902, is still pursuing his education; and John M., born in 1905, is also a schoolboy. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are members of the Christian Church at Columbus. He is a republican and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Columbus.

CHARLES E. GABRIEL has been one of the chief factors in the activities of the village of Payson a number of years. He was postmaster nine years and for the past ten years has been cashier of the Bank of Payson, which is operated by the directors of the State Savings, Loan and Trust Company of Quincy.

Mr. Gabriel was born at Payson February 18, 1865, son of William R. and Sarah E. (Collins) Gabriel. William R. Gabriel, a native of Ohio, came as a young man to Adams County, and for a time followed his trade as black-

smith on Mill Creek in Melrose Township, and later located at Payson, where he lived until his death at the age of fifty-five. During the period of the Civil war he had to carry the mail from Quincy to Payson, and made the trip thrice weekly. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a local exhorter, and for some years also filled the office of justice of the peace. He was twice married. His first wife was Mary Greno, who died leaving four daughters and two sons: Susan, widow of Richard Eels, residing in Cashmere, Washington; Melissa married William A. Mitchell and both are now deceased; Emma, who lives at San Diego, California, is the widow of L. M. Dort; Lavina, who resides in Los Angeles, is the widow of John A. Robertson; Newton A. was a soldier in the Civil war and died soon afterwards; William died in Helena, Montana. For his second wife William R. Gabriel married Sarah E. Collins. She was born at Elizabethtown, Spencer County, Kentucky, and was a girl of eight years when her parents, David and Sarah Collins, came to Adams County. The Collins family located three miles east of Payson, where she grew up and where her parents died in old age. Members of the Collins family were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. The Collins family spent their first winter in Illinois on what is now South Park, Quincy. They found Payson Township a wilderness, covered with heavy timber, but they eventually carved out a good farm there. Sarah Collins Gabriel, who died at Payson October 29, 1908, was the mother of two daughters and four sons: Effie, Mrs. W. A. Dunlavy, of Bloomington, Nebraska; Jessie M., who died at Lucia, New Mexico, in 1916, was the wife of John Bingham White; Charles E. Gabriel is the third child; George G. is manager of the Halbach-Schroeder Company at Quincy; E. J. is a physician at Payson; and Frank R. lives at Keokuk, Iowa.

Charles E. Gabriel has spent all his life at Payson. He attended the local schools and had a partial course in the high school. For seventeen years he has been the local undertaker and his service as postmaster was from September 18, 1905, until October 1, 1914. In December, 1909, he was chosen cashier of the Bank of Payson, one of his strongest recommendations for that post coming from David Wilcox of Quincy. His chief assistant in the bank is Mrs. Gabriel.

October 19, 1901, Mr. Gabriel married Miss Maggie Hall, of Camp Point, daughter of Professor and Mrs. S. F. Hall, well known and noted characters in the educational life of Adams County, elsewhere referred to. Mrs. Gabriel attended the Maplewood High School at Camp Point, also the Blandinsville High School, and for one year was a student in De Pauw University at Greencastle, Indiana. At the age of eighteen she was employed as a teacher at Blandinsville, and altogether taught sixteen years, ten years at Payson and five years in the Highland School of Quincy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel have been very active in Red Cross work and he has been chairman of his local district in the bond drive. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Burton, and for sixteen years was master of Payson Lodge, No. 379, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and is now the present master and has attended many sessions of the Grand Lodge. He and his wife are both prominent in Payson Chapter, No. 375, of the Eastern Star, and he is a charter member of that organization and was its first and its present patron.

**SAMUEL F. HALL.** The highest tribute to a man's character and usefulness is the quality and duration of the memory that survives him and persists among those people outside his immediate blood relationship with whom he lived and worked. On that score the late Samuel F. Hall died content and well satisfied. Hundreds of men and women in Adams County and elsewhere have a grateful memory of what he did for them as a teacher, friend and guide of their youth, and while his services were not altogether concentrated in one community the splendid record of the Maplewood High School at Camp Point alone would be a sufficient monument to his life.

Samuel F. Hall was born at Oswego, New York, November 14, 1838, and died



April 11, 1903, in his sixty-fifth year. His parents were John Hall and Elizabeth (Maxwell) Hall, both natives of Ireland, though they were reared from childhood in America. John Hall was a New York State farmer. He met and married his wife in Canada. From Oswego soon after the birth of Samuel they returned to Livingston County, New York, where the mother died when Samuel was twelve years of age. The home was then broken up and the boy had to shift for himself, working among farmers in summer and attending district schools in winter. Later he satisfied his ambition for a better education by entering at the age of seventeen Nunda Academy, going there with only \$1.50 in cash and without books. The head of the school offered to lend him books and also to wait for the tuition. He earned his living while attending school by sawing wood, spading gardens and performing any other honest toil which people of that community were willing to assign him. At the close of his term he secured a school to teach, and for several years he taught alternately with attending school. After the Nunda Academy was burned he continued his studies at Dansville, New York.

During his work as a teacher in New York State he met and won the heart of Ellen Artemisia Burroughs. They were married September 8, 1861, and in March of the following year they went west and located at Princeton, Illinois. Both became teachers in the public schools at Princeton, Mr. Hall as principal and his wife as assistant. They were connected with the schools of Princeton five years and many of their old pupils are still living in that rich community, and Professor Hall's portrait hangs in one of the city school buildings.

About the close of the Civil war the citizens of Camp Point planned and built one of the most perfectly appointed school buildings in the state at that time, costing \$30,000, and named, because of the maple trees that surround it, Maplewood High School. Through the recommendation of Professor W. H. V. Raymond, the local board at Camp Point negotiated with Mr. Hall at Princeton to organize and take charge of the new school. He entered upon that work in the fall of 1867, and it is hardly necessary at this point to state the thoroughness and efficiency of his work. He installed a complete graded system and soon had 500 pupils enrolled. At the end of five years he resigned and then for two years taught at Payson, after which he returned to the Maplewood High School and was its principal for a total period of a quarter of a century. In 1877 he was unanimously nominated by the republican party for county superintendent of schools, but he declined to leave his work at Camp Point to become a candidate. He bought property adjoining the village, and made a very complete and comfortable home there. Maplewood High School under his principalship had a just fame all over Illinois, and attracted to it a large number of pupils who were non-resident in the township and district. It is said that fully half of the teachers of Adams County at one time had been students at Maplewood. Some of the men now living who received a portion of their education there were Attorney Sam Woods, Judge Albert Akers, Judge Lyman McCarl, and former county treasurer, James D. Corrigan.

The affection paid by old pupils and friends was equally divided between Professor Hall and his equally cultured and gracious wife. Mrs. Hall was born in Wyoming County, New York, September 13, 1841, daughter of Jefferson and Zilpha (Manchester) Burroughs. Her grandfather Manchester was a Revolutionary soldier, and several of the Burroughs family became prominent as teachers and educators. Mrs. Hall was a teacher when she married Mr. Hall, and always took a deep interest in every educational movement. After the death of her husband she moved to Quincy, where her daughter Edith has for a number of years been one of the valued members of the teaching staff in the Quincy public schools.

Professor Hall and wife had eight children: Louis A., born November 12, 1864; Nina B., born November 1, 1866; Angie E., born July 12, 1869, and died September 26, 1872; Maggie M., born October 25, 1871; Edith E., born February 26, 1874; S. Fred, Jr., born October 7, 1875, died May 31, 1895; Bessie



A., born October 1, 1877; and Harry Maxwell, born September 18, 1879 and died August 1, 1880. The son Louis now lives at Camp Point. The daughter Nina is the wife of George Gabriel of Quincy, Maggie is Mrs. Charles E. Gabriel of Payson, and Bessie is the wife of William Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall were active members of the Church of the Disciples. Their pastor, Rev. Ayres Omer, a former pupil of Professor Hall, officiated at the funeral services of Professor Hall and also of Mrs. Hall eleven years later.

**RICHARD M. JOHNSON.** Some of the best farms and best farmers are found in Columbus Township, and one of them is located on section 29, the home of Richard M. Johnson. Mr. Johnson has been a resident of Adams County for over fifty years, and since early manhood has been a practical and progressive farmer. He has made several changes of location, and all of them for the better. His present home has been occupied by him for the past twelve years. It contains eighty acres, all under the plow and productive of large crops of corn, wheat and oats.

He came to the county when a small child in 1862. For fifteen years he farmed in section 20 of Columbus Township, and for five years before coming to his present place had another farm, also in section 29. Besides his eighty acres he operates fifty-five acres adjacent. He keeps his land well tilled, and feeds all his products to his horses, cattle, hogs and sheep.

Mr. Johnson was born in Marion County, Missouri, not far from Palmyra, March 6, 1853. His father, Joel Johnson, was born in Ohio in 1827. He grew up and married in that state Christina Braught, a native of Pennsylvania. After their marriage they started out as farmers in Ohio, but being very poor they sought a country where cheaper lands could be secured and made the journey on foot to Missouri, carrying practically all their worldly possessions on their backs. In Marion County they secured a small log cabin. Two children were born in that home. The parents one day were out gathering nuts in the woods when their cabin caught fire and burned to the ground, both the children losing their lives. They then moved to another home. There the following children were born: Elijah, Jeremiah, Joel, Jr., Commodore, Amanda and Richard M. Three years after the birth of Richard the father died when in the prime of life, at the age of thirty-nine. Of the children Elijah, Commodore and Richard are still living, all married and with children. Elijah lives at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Commodore is a farmer in Liberty Township of Adams County. Elijah served all through the Civil war, and Jeremiah and Joel, Jr., also enlisted in the Union army in that struggle and both died of measles in a hospital at Nashville, Tennessee, their deaths occurring but three days apart.

The widowed mother married for her second husband Joshua Piles. In 1862 they came to Adams County and settled in Columbus Township, where Mr. Piles died about 1885. His widow survived him about twenty years and passed away in March, 1905, at the age of eighty-seven. By her second marriage she had a son and daughter, Sampson and Rebecca Piles. Sampson now lives in Milam, Missouri, and has a family. The daughter, Rebecca, died after her marriage, leaving five daughters.

Richard M. Johnson received his early education in Columbus Township. He married there Rachel Wear. She was born in Pike County, Illinois, in 1854 and was one year of age when brought to Adams County by her parents, who lived and died there. She had two brothers, Joseph and Albert, still living. Mrs. Johnson died at her home in Columbus Township October 12, 1896. She was the mother of seven children, all of whom are still living, named Laverna, Eva, Zelda, Adam, Elva, Ruth and Grimes. Laverna is the wife of William Williams, a farmer in Columbus Township, and has two children, Orin and Wade. Eva is the wife of Fred Ertz, of Columbus Township, and their children are Fay, Ray and Delbert. Zelda married Clifford Lierle, of Liberty Township, and they have one child, Merle. Adam lives on a farm in

McGee Township, and he and his wife have Elmo, Darling, Maxine and Glendon. Elva is the wife of Ray Cutforth, of Quincy, and has a daughter, Urith. Ruth married Fred Hall, of Camp Point, a man of superior education, a graduate of the McComb Normal School, and now principal of the Liberty schools. They have two children, Glenedene and Fred, Jr. The youngest child, Grimes, is still unmarried.

Mr. Johnson married for his second wife at Barry, Pike County, Illinois, Mrs. Sarah E. Woodward Curry. Her first husband, John E. Curry, died in 1906, when in the prime of life. He left one daughter, Clara, wife of Riley Byers, now of Kenneth, Kansas, and they have children named Hazel, Helen, Glen, Mary and Ellen.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Adams County February 15, 1861, and from the age of four years lived in Pike County, attending the schools near Barry. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two children: Walter, aged nineteen, and Paul Clifford, aged fourteen, the latter still in school. The family are members of the Church of the Brethren at Liberty, Mr. Johnson being a deacon in the church. Politically he is a democrat.

THOMAS A. ECKHOFF. One of the prominent farmers of Adams County, Thomas A. Eckhoff for the past twenty years or more has given his time and attention to the development of a good farm and to the raising of crops and livestock in Columbus Township. He is a citizen whose material circumstances have improved steadily with the passing years, and who at the same time has gained the esteem of his community for his good judgment and his public spirit in all matters affecting the common weal.

His farm is in section 23 of Columbus Township. He owns 340 acres there, nearly all of it well improved and productive of the best crops of corn, wheat, oats, etc. Most of his grain and other forage he feeds on the farm, and he raises a large number of cattle, hogs and horses. His farm is good soil and has the benefit of a thorough natural drainage system. Mr. Eckhoff has owned this farm for a number of years and has cleared up many acres by his own labors. He has a set of excellent farm buildings, including a substantial six room house. One of the valuable features of his farm is a tract of good native timber.

On the same section and at his father's farm and old homestead nearby Mr. Eckhoff was born May 12, 1869. An interesting relic of the old homestead is the log cabin in which he first saw the light of day and which is still standing on the old farm now owned and managed by his capable sisters. Further reference to his father, Andrew T. Eckhoff, and family will be found on other pages.

Mr. Eckhoff grew up at home, attended the old Excelsior School, the land for which and the church was donated by his father. At the age of twenty-four Mr. Eckhoff made his first purchase of land, and has since added as his means and opportunities justified until he has a well proportioned farm. He has lived in his present farm residence since 1911.

In 1894 Mr. Eckhoff married Miss Flora E. Shultz. She was born in Concord Township of this county March 30, 1877, and was educated in the district schools. Her parents were Henry and Margaret (Kinker) Shultz, both natives of Germany. Her father came to this country alone and her mother with her parents. Her father came by sailing vessel to New Orleans, came up the river to St. Louis, where he married, and about 1870 moved to Adams County and bought land in Concord Township. In 1894 the Shultz family moved to another farm in Concord Township, where Mrs. Eckhoff's father died in February, 1903, at the age of eighty-four. Her mother is now living in Quincy with her widowed daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Gnuse. She celebrated her eightieth birthday November 3, 1918. She is a member of the Methodist Church and Mr. Shultz was also a member of that church. Of the three sons and four daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Shultz two sons and three daughters are still living, and all married.



Mr. and Mrs. Eckhoff have an interesting family of children: Edna E., born June 26, 1895, was educated in the Liberty School, is still at home and is secretary of the Christian Church Sunday school. Etta M., born November 1, 1897, died July 5, 1913, while a school girl. Dottie E., born February 1, 1904, and Norma M., born May 22, 1908, are both attending the local schools. Hazel N., born October 13, 1913, and Flora T., born January 1, 1918, are the two younger children. The family are members of the Wolf Ridge Christian Church. Mr. Eckhoff has been quite active in the church, especially in helping with the musical programs of the Sunday school. In matters of politics he casts an independent republican vote.

FRED G. BRAKENSIEK. It was a life of effective purpose, worthy endeavor and beneficent influence that was lived by the late Fred G. Brakensiek of Columbus Township. Mr. Brakensiek spent all his life in Adams County and was distinguished by unusual business qualifications, resulting in large landed properties and several well managed farms. He was equally prominent in church life, gave liberally of his means, and was a personal worker in one of the leading centers of religious activity in this township.

Mr. Brakensiek was born at Quincy April 19, 1851. His parents, Gottlieb and Henrietta Brakensiek, were born in Prussia, Germany. Gottlieb married his first wife in Germany, and coming to America located at Quincy, where his wife died in the prime of life. She left one son Ferd, who now lives on his farm in Melrose Township. He has lost both his wives and has children by both marriages. In Quincy Gottlieb Brakensiek married Henrietta, his second wife, and for several years they lived on a farm east of the city and later moved to the southeastern corner of Columbus Township and finally to the vicinity of Carthage, Illinois, where his wife died in 1883. He passed away at the home of his son Fred G. September 14, 1890. He was born in February, 1818. He was a Lutheran and both he and his wife gave their utmost to the maintenance of church influences in their community. He was a charter member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, which stood on his farm. Among his children were Henry, Fred G., August, Ferd and Simon, and four daughters. The only ones now living are Simon, Ferd, Mrs. Lena Weinreich and Mrs. Lizzie Heffer.

Fred G. Brakensiek grew up in Columbus Township, and on March 16, 1876, married in Concord Township Miss Wilhelmina Rippel. She was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, September 24, 1855, and was five years old when her parents came to Concord Township, where she was reared and educated. She was a daughter of Christian and Caroline (Garke) Rippel, who were born in Germany, and their two oldest children, Mary and Charles, were also born in that country. They came to America on a sailing vessel and from New York settled in Ohio, and in 1860 located on a farm in Concord Township of Adams County. Her mother died there in June, 1891. Her father afterwards moved to Mount Sterling, Illinois, where he passed away February 12, 1910. He was then very old, having been born in June, 1822. The Rippels were active members of the Lutheran Church, and the father helped found Zion Church in Concord Township and was one of the builders.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Brakensiek lived four years in the southeastern part of Columbus Township, and then bought a large farm of 288 acres in sections 23 and 24. Later they added 100 acres in section 13, and also had 80 acres west of those properties. Most of this land was well improved and constitutes today some of the best farms in the township. The home farm had some substantial buildings, including a good seven room house.

In the midst of his labors and activities Mr. Brakensiek died September 8, 1912, at the age of sixty-one. In politics he was a republican and held several local offices. He was reared a Lutheran and was one of the leading members of the Wolf Ridge Christian Church, the land on which that church stands having been donated by him. Mrs. Brakensiek and her children are sustaining members of the same church, and Lydia and Henry are both teachers in the



Sunday school. The oldest child was William, who died in infancy. Henry Brakensiek now lives on a fine farm in section 24, 121 acres, and more particular reference to him will be found on other pages. Lena is the wife of William A. Norris, a farmer in Columbus Township, and they have seven sons and daughters. Freda is the wife of Arnie F. Steiner. They occupy and operate the old homestead farm. Mr. and Mrs. Steiner have two children, Mildred L., born in 1909, now in the fifth grade of the public schools, and Harold H., born in 1911, now in the second grade. The son Frank C. Brakensiek died in 1906, at the age of eighteen, while a student in the local high school. Lydia S., the youngest, is still at home and was well educated in the district schools.

**HENRY F. BRAKENSIEK.** One of the best farms in Columbus Township is visible evidence of the enterprise and good management of Henry F. Brakensiek, its owner. He is one of the younger generations of farmers in that part of the county and has vigorously upheld the responsibilities of citizenship as well as his part in the agricultural community.

His home is in section 13 of Columbus Township. He has lived there for the past fourteen years, spending four years on the land as a tenant. In 1908 he bought 207 acres and later fourteen acres more. Most of this land is in cultivation, and it is splendidly arranged and equipped for his purposes of general farming and stock raising. He keeps the better grades of stock, including horses, cattle and hogs. His hogs are of the Poland China strain. He has also bred some fine Hereford cattle.

Mr. Brakensiek is a son of the late Fred G. Brakensiek, concerning whom and the history of this well known family in Adams County a more particular account is published on other pages. Henry F. Brakensiek was born January 13, 1880, on the farm his father first owned in Columbus Township. Three months after his birth his parents moved to what is known as the old Brakensiek homestead. Mr. Brakensiek was educated in the Excelsior District School, and his work as a boy on the farm gave him a good preparation for the career he has followed.

In Columbus Township he married Miss Stella Mixer. She was born in McKee Township of this county December 4, 1880, but grew up in Columbia Township and attended the Excelsior District School. Her parents were Joseph H. and Mary (Tripplett) Mixer. Mr. and Mrs. Brakensiek have three children: Irvin L., born December 21, 1905, now a student in the eighth grade of the Excelsior School; Reva M. F., born October 28, 1908, and Fern M., born July 28, 1912, both in school. The family are active members of the Wolf Ridge Christian Church, of which Mr. Brakensiek is a deacon. Politically he is a republican.

**SAMUEL R. McANULTY.** While nominally retired, Samuel R. McAnulty still finds much usefulness to occupy his time and attention at his home in Golden. Mr. McAnulty has never been able to free himself entirely from his vocation as a breeder and raiser of horses and other livestock. In the palmy days of the Adams County Fair Association his draft horses were usually on exhibition and many of them were blue ribbon winners.

When in the high tide of his farming career Mr. McAnulty lived in Houston Township, and he still has a small farm surrounding his home at Golden. He was born in Adams County, October 31, 1839, son of Samuel and Lucinda (McFarland) McAnulty. The McAnulty and McFarland families were among the early settlers of this county, arriving here in 1832. At that time Adams County had less than three thousand population and the advent of a single family was an event of no small importance. Samuel McAnulty located on a tract of government land containing a hundred acres in section 3 of Camp Point Township. He became a large land owner and gave much of his property to his children. He finally retired to Camp Point, and he and his wife both died in that village. He was a republican and an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



Mr & Mrs S. R. Manly





There were seven children, two youngest dying in infancy. Polly, the oldest, married Charles Kern, and is deceased. Matilda married Washington Gallamore, and is deceased. Jane Ann lives in Missouri, widow of Edwin Pierce. The fourth in age is Samuel R. John died at the age of thirteen.

Samuel R. McAnulty was born seven years after his parents came to Adams County, and he grew up in the midst of frontier conditions and lived at home to the age of twenty-two. While attending school he had also worked on the farm from the age of ten years and was well prepared for his independent career when he left home. Mr. McAnulty's farm was the northeast quarter of section 35 of Houston Township, and he gave personal attention to its cultivation and supervision until 1902, when he came to Golden and bought a good home in the town. He has twelve acres of ground, constituting what might be called a suburban farm. Even after moving to this town home he continued breeding draft horses and still keeps a small drove of hogs. Mr. McAnulty is a republican and has served in the offices of supervisor, road commissioner and school director.

In March, 1861, he married Mary Pierce. She was born in Ohio in 1840, daughter of Isaac and Mary Pierce, who three years later came to Adams County, where both of them died. Mr. and Mrs. McAnulty were happily married for more than half a century. Mrs. McAnulty died May 1, 1918. She was the mother of six children, three of whom died in infancy. Minnie is the wife of Clarence Van Nossdall, who now occupies and manages the old McAnulty homestead in section 35 of Houston Township. Mr. and Mrs. Van Nossdall have three children, Samuel Glenn, Elsie and Ada. The daughter Eva is the wife of W. A. Bottorff, of Coatsburg. Their children are Rubie, Arthur, Marion and Hazel. The daughter Lora is the wife of Henry Reynolds, of Camp Point Township. They have a son and daughter, Samuel and Lora. Samuel, who bears the name of his grandfather and great-grandfather, is now with the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

**HENRY J. LEWIS.** For eighty years or more the Lewis family has been prominent as land holders, farmers and good business men and citizens in Clayton and Camp Point townships. The name is numerously represented in the county, and the stock is an exceptionally virile one. It is doubtful if any family in Adams County can show more members who lived beyond their eightieth birthday.

The founder of the family here was Henry M. Lewis, who was born in Kentucky August 16, 1816. He married Sarah Kelley, who was born in Kentucky in 1819. Henry M. Lewis was the son of a native of Russia. Coming to America he entered business as a merchant at Louisville, Kentucky, and was especially successful as a stock dealer. His activities required much travel, and one time he started from his home with a drove of mules and was never heard of again. It is supposed that he was robbed and murdered. Henry M. Lewis had a brother, Daniel, who died at the age of eighty-eight, his brother William died aged eighty-six, and his sister, Fannie, lived to be about eighty-five.

When Henry M. Lewis came to Adams County about 1836 he worked for a time for Peter B. Garrett, one of the well known pioneers. Henry M. Lewis had no formal schooling, and learned to read and write through his self-directed efforts and acquired a good knowledge of business by actual practice. After living in Adams County for a time he returned to Kentucky, and in 1838 married and soon afterwards returned to Adams County. Settling in Clayton Township, he rented land for a short time, then bought a farm, and his operations expanded until he was one of the large land owners in the county, having about 1,000 acres. All of this property was acquired by his success as a farmer and his good judgment in handling his business affairs. About 1885 he retired and moved to Camp Point, where he lived until his death March 21, 1910, in his ninety-fourth year. His wife died in 1891. Henry M. Lewis began voting as a whig and afterwards as a republican, and was a faithful member of the Christian Church. He gave liberally to church and other public enterprises.

Henry M. Lewis and wife were the parents of twelve children. Samuel K., the oldest, died in April, 1918, at the age of seventy-seven, at Eldorado, Missouri. The second son, John, lives at Quincy. Jane is the wife of Samuel Manholland. Martha is the wife of R. W. Hoke. Susan married R. S. Curry. William M. is a resident of Oklahoma. Armenia married James Pierce, and they live at Kansas City. Joann is the wife of William Wisehart, of Camp Point. The ninth in age is Henry J. Lewis. Daily C. is the next younger. Lizzie married James E. Funk, of Camp Point. Charles is a farmer of Clayton Township, on the old home farm. This is a very notable family. Of the twelve children all are living except the oldest. Their parents celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1888, and the oldest son, Samuel K., and wife celebrated their golden wedding in 1914, while John Lewis, of Quincy, had a similar celebration December 18, 1917. Martha Hoke celebrated her golden anniversary December 31, 1918.

While the late Henry M. Lewis was not an educated man in the accepted sense of the term, he had few superiors in those practical and fundamental things which are essential to success. At a glance he could tell the value of a load of grain or a bunch of cattle. When he and his wife came to Adams County they walked from Quincy to Camp Point, carrying all their possessions in a handkerchief. It was from these humble circumstances that his enterprise and industry took him on the road to a generous prosperity, and he was considered one of the wealthiest men in the Camp Point community.

Henry J. Lewis was born in Clayton Township January 12, 1857, was educated in the public schools there, and lived at the old homestead until he was twenty-seven, when he moved to Camp Point with his parents. He married at the age of thirty-four and has since lived in Camp Point. His father gave each son eighty acres of land, and his daughters each \$3,000 in cash. Henry J. Lewis has accepted this talent and used it with good judgment and now owns 306 acres in Clayton Township on the main traveled road between Camp Point and Clayton. He also has a good residence and other property at Camp Point, and lives retired in that town, his farms being managed by tenants. Since 1911 Mr. Lewis has spent every winter in California but two, and has some financial interests in a gold mine in that state and in a quicksilver mine in Arizona. Mr. Lewis is a republican voter, though no desire to hold office has ever actuated him. He is affiliated with Lodge No. 197, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, with Camp Point Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Clayton Commandery of Knights Templar and Quincy Consistory of the Scottish Rite Masons. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias at Camp Point. He and his wife are regular members of the Christian Church. June 16, 1891, he married Miss Jennie Pierce, who was born in Gilmer Township of this county, daughter of Joseph and Susan (Body) Pierce. Her parents were early settlers of Adams County, and lived on a farm in Gilmer Township many years, until they retired to Camp Point. Her father died there in September 1906, at the venerable age of ninety-one, and her mother in January, 1906, aged eighty-one.

JOHN J. DUTTON, a native Virginian, was reared in Adams County, and though he started life with little more than empty hands and an ambitious spirit, he has conquered the difficulties confronting the young agriculturist without land, and is now one of the leading farmers and stock men of Northeast Township.

He was born in Virginia October 31, 1871, son of William W. and Maggie (Carter) Dutton. His grandfather, John J. Dutton, was also a native of Virginia and married Louisa Williamson, a native of Ireland. John J. Dutton, Sr., was a blacksmith by trade and followed that occupation in Virginia for many years. He and his wife died in Washington County in that state. Their children were: Thomas, a Confederate soldier who fell at the battle of the Wilderness May 5, 1863; William W.; Jane; Peter; David, who died at the age of twelve years; and James.



William W. Dutton was born in Washington County, Virginia, September 4, 1846. He married for his first wife Maggie Carter, who was born in Scott County, Virginia, in 1847 and died in that state in 1874. In 1879 William W. Dutton brought his family to Adams County, Illinois, and for a time was a farm laborer at monthly wages. Later he bought a place of eighty acres in Schuyler County, Illinois, and lived on that a number of years, but sold out about 1914 and retired to Golden in this county. By his first wife he had four children: William Thomas, John J., James Henry and Lula. For his second wife William W. Dutton married Rena Mendenhall, who was born in Virginia July 8, 1847. William W. Dutton is a democrat and attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his wife is an active member.

John J. Dutton grew up in Adams County, attended the public schools here, and has made such good use of his opportunities and privileges, supplemented by good, hard common sense and incessant labor, that he now owns a fine farm of 260 acres in Northeast Township, has occupied it since 1903, and he is personally responsible for nearly all the improvements that give it value and convenience as a stock farm. Mr. Dutton is a breeder of the Polled Durham cattle, and raises stock on a large scale. He is appreciative of the duties of citizenship and has served as road commissioner two terms. He is a democrat, and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, the former at Golden and the latter at Augusta. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America at La Prairie.

On March 10, 1895, Mr. Dutton married Miss Mattie Estella Alexander, daughter of John and Catherine (Jordan) Alexander, of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Northeast Township. John Alexander was born in Virginia November 26, 1828, and was brought to Adams County at an early age. He was three times married, and Catherine Jordan was his second wife. She was born in Virginia December 27, 1845. Both John Alexander and his wife are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Dutton have five children: Mabel Lucille, Eva Blanche, Lawrence Alexander, Helen Catherine, and John, Jr., all living except Mabel, who died at the age of five years.

WILLIAM HENRY WOODRUFF is a member of the partnership Woodruff-Castle Company, one of the most prominent of Quincy firms today engaged in the wholesale and retail coal business. This firm succeeded and took over the business of the Wabash Coal Company, on September 6, 1916. The Wabash Coal Company is a landmark in Quincy's business history, having sold and distributed coal from this city for a long period of years and also operated large mines in Central Illinois. The Woodruff-Castle Company are among the most prominent distributors in this section for the noted Franklin County coal and also handle all other staple grades of anthracite and bituminous coals.

Mr. Woodruff is a native of Quincy and has spent his life here. It is a matter of pride with him that he was born here and has developed with Quincy and has found opportunity for usefulness in the community. He comes from one of the oldest and most substantial New England families, and besides the good qualities he inherited from his ancestors he gives much credit for the success of his personal career to the good woman who became Mrs. Woodruff.

He was born in Quincy August 29, 1860, and was reared and educated in the city, attending high school and later the Chicago University. His first employment was as bookkeeper with the old First National Bank of Quincy. Later he was secretary of the Quincy Lumber Company, of which his father was vice president. Then for ten years he handled the export business of the Taylor Brothers Milling Company at Quincy. This was one of the largest flour milling concerns in the state, manufacturing 2,000 barrels of flour per day, most of which was for export to Europe. The next step in Mr. Woodruff's business career was as secretary and manager of the Pure Ice Company, with which he was connected for fourteen years, and as the company also handled



coal he acquired the experience which he has put to practice as a member of the Woodruff-Castle Company.

Mr. Woodruff traces his ancestry back in a direct line to Matthew Woodruff, who came from England and located at Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1639. His line of descent runs from this ancestor down through seven generations, five of whom bore the Christian name of Samuel. James Woodruff, father of William H., was born at New Haven, Connecticut, in 1821, and was long identified with the business affairs of Quincy. He came to Quincy in 1842, and in 1848 he married Mary Dalzell in Davenport, Iowa. She was a native of Philadelphia, of Scotch-Irish stock, and a Presbyterian in religion. He rendered service while the Civil war was in progress as provost marshal at Quincy. In politics he was always a strenuous republican. He died in Quincy in 1905 and his wife passed away in 1879.

William Henry Woodruff married Miss Laura H. Schanz, a native of Quincy, May 6, 1915. She graduated from the Quincy High School and the Gem City Business College, and prior to her marriage was bookkeeper for the Pure Ice Company. Her parents, J. William and Sophia Schanz, were born in Quincy and are still living.

Mr. Woodruff is a member of the Founders and Patriots Society of New England, and is an active member and one of the trustees of the Unitarian Church of Quincy. In politics he is a republican. Mrs. Woodruff is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

ORVEL HARRIS is one of the men of Adams County who have identified their careers with agriculture. Mr. Harris was in the farming game long before it became so profitable or occupied so conspicuous a position in the destinies of the world as today, and he is therefore entitled to all the honors and benefits that go with his calling.

His present home is in Houston Township, on the farm where he was born February 25, 1871. His parents are Clark and Mary (Suter) Harris. His father was born in Adams County March 6, 1848, and was the youngest of seventeen children all of whom but one lived to be more than twenty-one years of age. The father of this large family was Solomon Harris and his wife was Lucinda Harris. They came and made settlement in Adams County in early days. Solomon Harris at one time owned a grist mill at Bowen in Hancock County. Later he acquired 320 acres in Houston Township, now known as the D. H. Carlin farm. Solomon Harris died at Bowen and is buried in Ebenezer Cemetery in Houston Township. He and his wife were very active Baptists, and practically all their descendants are members of the same church. Clark Harris was reared in Houston Township, had an education in the local schools, and has spent his active career as a farmer. He now owns the 200 acres adjoining the place of his son Orvel and under the latter's management. Clark Harris now lives retired at Bowen. His wife died in 1910. Their children were: Sylvester, who died at the age of sixteen; Anna, wife of Philip Nelson, of Bowen; Orvel; and Pearl, wife of Sidney A. McGill, of Hancock County. Mr. Clark Harris is a democrat in politics. He has given public service through the offices of township clerk and member of the school board.

Orvel Harris grew up on the old farm and after getting his education in the public schools took up farming as his serious business. He individually owns a fine and well improved farm of 200 acres, and looks after its productive resources in addition to the 200 acres of his father's farm. Mr. Harris raises good stock, though he has not been inclined to take up the fancy stock business. He keeps pure bred Poland China hogs, and also feeds a number of cattle every year for the market. Mr. Harris is a democrat and served as township clerk twelve years, and as assessor one year and tax collector one year. Perhaps his chief interest in local affairs is directed to the maintenance of good schools. This is indicated by the fact that he has been a member of his local

school board continuously since he was twenty-one years of age excepting only one year.

December 29, 1892, he married Miss Lillie Boyd, of Houston Township, daughter of Robert and Margaret (Ross) Boyd, natives of Ireland, who came from Pennsylvania to Adams County about forty years ago, when Mrs. Harris was a child. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have two very talented and capable daughters: Irene, the older, is a graduate of the Baptist Woman's College at Liberty, Missouri, and studied elocution and expression in the School of Oratory at Northwestern University in Chicago. She is the wife of R. C. Miller and lives in Chicago. The other daughter, Margaret, also attended the college at Liberty, Missouri, and spent one year in the University of Missouri at Columbia. She until recently made her home with her sister in Chicago and was bond clerk with the Northwestern Railway Company. She is now the wife of J. A. B. Mirrit of Chicago.

LOUIS NICOLAI, of Camp Point Township, is the type of American citizen of which every community might well be proud. Mr. Nicolai is a farmer who conducts his business with all the care, method and efficiency that the most successful manufacturer bestows upon his factory, and the way he handles his farm is indicative of the results he obtains when he gets into the public affairs of his community. He has proven an invaluable man as a member of various committees who have the responsibilities of raising the township's quota for the different patriotic purposes, such as liberty loans, Red Cross and saving stamps drives.

Mr. Nicolai was born in Honey Creek Township of this county January 9, 1858. When Adams County was little more than a section of the Western Illinois wilderness his grandparents, Henry and Christina Nicolai, came from Germany and settled on a farm in Ellington Township, improving and developing 120 acres there. This old homestead remained their place of residence until two years before their death. Henry Nicolai and wife had five children: Christina, Christopher and Thiel, twins, Louis and John, all of whom are now deceased.

John Christopher Nicolai was born in Germany August 1, 1835, and was a child when the family came to Adams County. He was educated in the local schools, and as a farmer he rented land until about 1869, when he bought 160 acres now owned by his son in Camp Point Township. This land he kept and used as his home until his death in 1886, at the age of fifty-one. He was a very active republican, and for some years filled the office of road supervisor. He and his family were members of the German Lutheran Church. John Christopher Nicolai married Christina Gunther, who was born in Germany and was brought to this country when a young woman. She was a sister of Louis Gunther, a prominent retired resident of Camp Point. Mrs. Christina Nicolai died in 1888. She was the mother of seven children: Louis; Ada, widow of John L. Smith; Louisa and Etta, both deceased; Anna, wife of George Cunningham; Otto, deceased; and Emma, wife of Armel Cantrell.

Louis Nicolai grew up on his father's farm in Honey Creek Township, attended public schools there and in Camp Point, and completed his education in the Quincy High School. He entered the ranks of Adams County's independent farmers when he bought eighty acres of land in Camp Point Township. That was the beginning of his accumulations as a land holder. He afterwards acquired the old homestead of his father, comprising 160 acres, and still later acquired eighty acres, so that his extensive operations as a farmer and stock man are not limited by a restricted acreage. He makes complete use of all the 320 acres he owns, and is both an extensive and intensive farmer. He recognizes the value of modern improvements and facilities, and it would be difficult to find anything lacking which is required on a standard, all purpose Illinois farm. Mr. Nicolai was the first to introduce into this county the Polled Angus cattle, and he now owns a herd of about fifty, which is his pride and ex-



emplifies some of the finest qualities of that strain. He is also a breeder of the Chester White swine.

Mr. Nicolai is a republican and for about fifteen years has served as school director and for several terms as commissioner of highways. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church.

In October, 1885, he married Miss Matilda Uht. She was born in Missouri, but is a member of an old Adams County family, daughter of John Christopher and Martha Ann Uht, who came in an early day from Germany and settled in Adams County. Mr. and Mrs. Nicolai had three children, one of whom died in infancy. Their son George is now renting a portion of his father's land and has much of the drive and enterprise which characterizes his father as a farmer and business man. The second son, Amos, is the family representative in the great war. He is a member of Battery C, Fifteenth Battalion, Field Artillery, and was at Camp Taylor in Kentucky but is now at home.

THEODORE W. CRUM is one of the good and successful farmers of Camp Point Township, a young man of much practical achievement in the most vital and essential industry of agriculture and stock husbandry.

He was born in Houston Township May 13, 1875, son of Theodore P. and Rebecca Ann (Willard) Crum. His mother is a daughter of John and Rebecca (McFarland) Willard, whose lives as pioneer settlers and important personalities in the early days of Adams County have some further reference on other pages of this publication. Theodore P. Crum came to Adams County in early days, married here, and was a farmer. He served as a soldier in the Civil war, and died in Indiana. Mrs. Crum died on the old Adams County farm January 22, 1911. She was the mother of six children, Anna; John; Eliza Jane; Mary, who died October 13, 1907; Theodore W.; and Irwin W., who died in infancy.

Theodore W. Crum grew up on the old farm and was educated in the common schools. He and his sister Eliza J. now own and occupy the homestead of sixty-five acres, and both of them have remained single and the sister keeps house for her brother. Mr. Crum conducts his place as a general farm, raising considerable stock, and has always enjoyed a high standing and reputation in his community. For fifteen years he has been a member of the school board, is a democrat, and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Golden. His sister is a member of the United Presbyterian Church at Golden.

GEORGE H. REUTZEL is one of the successful farmers, and good citizens and highly capable men of Columbus Township. Mr. Reutzel has never participated in public affairs to the extent of seeking office, but his friends have long recognized in him the material that would make a splendid official, since he is a man of good judgment, thoroughly honest and capable in everything he undertakes.

The Reutzel home is in section 9 of Columbus Township, where Mr. Reutzel has lived for sixteen years. He has a farm of 160 acres, well improved with good buildings, the land being rolling and of fine natural drainage, and well fitted for diversified cropping. There are two flowing springs on the land besides wells. Mr. Reutzel has done much to improve and increase the value of his farm. Besides crops of corn, wheat, oats and clover he keeps much livestock. He came to this farm from another place in the same township, and has lived all his life in Adams County.

Mr. Reutzel was born at Quincy September 8, 1859, son of Henry and Catherine (Hurter) Reutzel. His father was born in Hesse-Darmstadt and his mother in Baden, Germany. They came to America on sailing vessels at different times. The mother landed in New York after a voyage of seven weeks, while the father reached this country at New Orleans. They were married in Quincy and not long afterward settled on a farm in Gilmer Township and still later on a farm in Columbus Township. They finally retired from farming and lived on the Gilmer Township side of the Village of Columbus. The father



died there in July, 1915, aged eighty-five, and the mother in November, 1917, aged eighty-three. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics the father voted as a republican.

George H. Reutzel was one of a family of seven sons and five daughters. Two sons died in infancy. Nine of the children are still living, a daughter, Mrs. Browning, dying and leaving two daughters.

George H. Reutzel was married on the farm where he now lives to Miss Maria Goerker. She was born here February 12, 1867, and has always lived in this one community, attending the schools of her native township. Her parents were Henry and Catherine (Horneker) Goerker. Her father was born in Hesse Cassell, and her mother in Baden. They came to this country with their respective parents, her mother as a small child and her father as a young man. The voyage was made by sailing vessel, and from New York they came West and Mrs. Reutzel's parents were married in Adams County. They spent their married lives as farmers in Columbus Township, and improved much of that land from a wilderness condition. Her mother died at the old home in 1873, aged thirty-two, while her father passed away in July, 1902, aged seventy-five. Mrs. Reutzel's parents were both Lutherans. Mr. and Mrs. Reutzel are members of the Camp Point Methodist Episcopal Church.

They are deservedly proud of their family of children, one of whom is already serving with the National Army in France. Harry I., born December 28, 1890, enlisted in December, 1917, for the coast artillery, served in France with the heavy guns along the coast of the North Sea, and is now on way home. The daughter, Bernice I. married Fred Bowling, a farmer in Concord Township. Clifford H., who was registered in the draft, is a Columbus Township farmer. He married Gertrude Balsar and has a daughter, Dorothy. Ralph William, born in 1899, also registered for the recent draft, is a partner in the management of the home farm. Henry H., the youngest child, is sixteen years old and is still at home.

SAMUEL GRISWOLD, a well known retired resident and property owner of Camp Point, spent his most productive years in the northwestern states, especially in Washington, where, beginning as a homesteader he accumulated a large body of land, and for many years farmed it successfully to wheat, fruit and the other staple crops of the Northwest. But in the end Mr. Griswold chose to spend his later years in the State of Illinois, and is now enjoying the comforts of one of the best homes of Camp Point. He has three sons who are serving their country in the war.

Mr. Griswold was born in West Virginia August 1, 1857, son of Lyman and Mary Jane (Wickline) Griswold. His paternal grandfather, Giles Griswold, died in Ohio at the age of seventy-two, while his widow, Sallie Griswold, came West and spent her last years in McDonough County, Illinois, where at the time of her death in 1875 she was 104 years of age. Lyman Griswold was born in Connecticut in 1818. He was taken when a child to Ohio, grew up there, and married Mary Jane Wickline, who was born in that state in 1828. After their marriage they moved to West Virginia, and in 1858 settled in Fremont County, Iowa, and in 1863 came to McDonough County, Illinois. Both were very capable school teachers in early life, though Lyman Griswold was unable to read or write until he was eighteen years of age. His thirst for knowledge enabled him to acquire an education beyond the average of most men, and he was also very successful in imparting instruction to others. He was also a capable farmer and business man and owned 320 acres in McDonough County at the time of his death. He died there in 1890 and his wife in 1908. He was a democrat and served as justice of the peace and collector, and was very active in politics in McDonough County. The children of Lyman Griswold and wife were: John, Sallie, Samuel, Giles, Jeremiah, Thomas, Louis and Anna. All are still living except Jeremiah, who was accidentally killed in Montana September 11, 1914. At the present time there are thirty-six surviving grandchildren of Lyman Gris-

wold and wife. During the last thirty years in the Griswold family circle there have been only three deaths, and only one of these was from natural causes.

Samuel Griswold though a native of West Virginia first became conscious of the world in Iowa, and grew up in McDonough County, Illinois. He was educated in public schools, and was twenty-four years of age when in 1881 he went West to the Territory of Washington. He had many interesting experiences in the far West, and for several years was employed at monthly wages. He took a homestead of 120 acres, and around that developed from time to time a splendid body of land until he had 1,200 acres near Davenport, Washington. Through his personal efforts and through hired labor he broke most of the land and farmed it either under his personal supervision or by renting. He succeeded well as a wheat grower, and was also early in the business of fruit raising. He had fifteen acres in fruit, apricots, cherries, peaches, apples and plums, and was one of the pioneer producers of the famous fruit of the Northwest. Mr. Griswold sold some of his land but still has 1,000 acres in that state.

On November 1, 1905, he resumed his residence in Illinois, at Camp Point, and now owns a fine home at the end of Ohio Street, a place which he has greatly beautified both in the buildings and the surrounding grounds. He also owns forty acres adjoining the village. Mr. Griswold is a democratic voter, and is liberal in liberal matters.

October 30, 1892, he married Miss Minnie Douglass. Mrs. Griswold was born at Tennessee in McDonough County, Illinois, December 11, 1866, daughter of John S. and Caroline (Bevan) Douglass. Her father was born in Maryland June 3, 1814, and from his native state moved to Wheeling, West Virginia, then crossed the Ohio River into Belmont County, where he met and married Caroline Bevan, who was born in Belmont County October 31, 1822. After their marriage they came West to Tennessee in McDonough County, Illinois, during the '50s, and John S. Douglass was for many years a merchant at Tennessee. He died there May 7, 1887, and his wife September 18, 1907. Mr. Douglass was a republican, and he and his wife were active in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their children were: Louis, deceased; Stacy B., deceased; Martha A.; Ellen R.; William R., deceased; Elmer E.; Minnie L.; and Edward H., deceased. Mrs. Griswold was educated in the schools of Tennessee and of La Prairie in Adams County, and attended the old normal at Macomb. For eight years she was a successful teacher, and in that occupation she followed the example of her father, who had been an educator for some years.

The three sturdy and patriotic sons of Mr. and Mrs. Griswold are Jay S., born May 23, 1895, John D., born June 25, 1898, and Emerson, born January 16, 1899. The youngest graduated from the Maplewood High School at Camp Point in 1918. Jay S. is also a graduate of the Maplewood High School and attended Illinois University 1½ years. With this training he went to the Northwest to look after his father's ranch in Washington, but when this country entered the war against Germany he enlisted and is now a member of Battery C Thirteenth Regiment, Field Artillery. During the summer of 1918 he was at Camp Taylor, Kentucky. John D., the second son, graduated from the Maplewood High School and also had one year of university training. June 28, 1917, after he had just passed his nineteenth birthday he left school to enlist in the navy. Preparatory to that he had taken wireless telegraphy courses at Harvard University and also at New London, Connecticut, and is now a wireless operator on the United States torpedo destroyer Murray.

FRANCIS DELANO SMITH. The records of early settlement in Columbus Township do not go back much farther than the date of the first settlement of the Smith family here. Four generations of the family have lived in the county, including Francis Delano Smith, who for many years has been one of the leading farmers in section 4, where for over eighty years the family have owned land in that section of Columbus Township.



*A. M. Smith*





The Smiths are of Scotch ancestry. Philip Smith was an early Kentucky pioneer. He was a farmer and died in Kentucky. Among his children was George Smith, who was born in Kentucky, in Jefferson County, near the falls of the Ohio at Louisville. He married Isabel Carmichael, who was born in Pennsylvania and was taken as a child to Jefferson County, Kentucky. Her parents were James and Jane Carmichael, who spent the rest of their days in Kentucky. George Smith and wife were married in 1815. Their children were born in Kentucky. In 1837 George Smith came West, bringing his wife and children, and they brought their household possessions on wagons drawn by teams of horses, traveling all the way by country roads until they reached section 4 of Columbus Township. This was a wild and almost desolate part of the county at that time, but George Smith located there because of its fine timber, and also because of its splendid water supply. On his farm was a spring which even today had a flow of a hundred fifty gallons per hour. George Smith acquired four hundred acres of this wild land, and his first home was a log cabin, later replaced by a hued log cabin of two apartments, and gradually, assisted by his sons and daughters, George Smith cleared and put much of his land into cultivation. George Smith died on the old farm, June 7, 1846. His widow survived him and passed away at the age of ninety. George Smith was a very large man, weighing 250 pounds. He served a number of years as a county commissioner.

Alexander M. Smith, father of Francis Delano, was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky, May 31, 1821, and was sixteen years old when brought to Adams County. He grew up on the old farm, and had an active part in its clearing and development. When the estate was divided he inherited his share and later bought the interests of his brothers James and John and his sister Celesta. These other children all married and left families. Alexander M. Smith made many improvements on the old homestead. He erected a fine barn in 1857, considered at that time and for some years later as the best barn in the township. In 1871 he built a commodious house, and in that, with an ample competence, he spent his last years. He died October 14, 1894.

December 4, 1845, Alexander M. Smith married Eliza A. Turner. She was born in Clark County, Indiana, and died in August, 1861, the mother of two children: Ellen A. and Winfield S. Ellen died unmarried in 1894. Winfield now lives at Pomona, California, and is married but has no children. On February 25, 1862, Alexander M. Smith married Rebecca J. Turner, sister of his first wife. She was born in Indiana about 1825, and when a young girl was brought to Adams County by her parents, Francis and Elizabeth (Beadels) Turner. The Turners located on almost new land, and her father died in advanced years. Her mother died in Clayton Township. Mrs. Alexander Smith died December 19, 1893, when past sixty-eight years of age. She and her husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Alexander Smith was elected a member of the first Board of Supervisors of the county and served altogether for eleven years. For two terms he was a member of the State Legislature, and for about fifteen years was one of the Board of Managers of the County Poor Farm. In politics he was a republican.

Francis Delano Smith, only child of his father's second marriage, was born August 17, 1865. He grew up in Columbus Township, attended the country schools and also the graded school at Coatsburg, and since reaching his majority has been owner and operator of the old homestead. He lost a good barn in the cyclone of October 12, 1902, and some years ago built a large barn 30 by 40 feet, with 12-foot sheds. His farm produces all the cereal crops, and is the more valuable because of its excellent drainage.

Mr. Smith married in Columbus Township of this county Miss Anna Davis. She was born near the Village of Columbus, February 27, 1871, and was educated in the township schools and in the Camp Point public schools. Mrs. Smith has been a most capable home maker and deserves much credit for the upbringing of her children. She is a daughter of George H. and Amanda (Hendricks) Davis. Her father was born July 3, 1841, and her parents were married October

10, 1867. Her grandparents, Henry and Ann (Silk) Davis, were natives of England and after their marriage came to Adams County and settled in Columbus Township. Her grandfather died in California and her grandmother, Ann Davis, died in Columbus Township, January 27, 1871. Her grandfather was a California forty-niner, going across the plains with ox-teams to that state. Her father, George H. Davis, at the age of nineteen also went across the plains with an ox team in 1861, and was four months and twenty days in reaching California. He was there four years, and then returned to the States by way of the Isthmus. He married and spent the rest of his days in Adams County. George H. Davis died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Smith, August 1, 1914, aged seventy-three. His widow, who was born in 1851, is still living, a resident of Clayton. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had two sons: Alexander H., born October 9, 1893, married Florence McFarland, and died when about twenty-three years of age. Francis W. Smith, born July 14, 1900, is a member of the class of 1919 in the Maplewood High School at Camp Point. The Smith family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church at Camp Point. Mr. Smith has always been a strenuous advocate of temperance, and Mrs. Smith's father was one of the pioneer prohibitionists of the county.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CYRUS. Business and other public duties have kept George Washington Cyrus in close touch with the life and affairs of Adams County for half a century or more, and it was on account of these many qualifications that he was selected as one of the advisory editors of this publication.

Mr. Cyrus is one of the older native sons of Adams County. He was born in Houston Township March 15, 1842, son of Henry Arnolds and Athaliah G. (Ruddell) Cyrus. His parents were Adams County pioneers, locating on a raw prairie farm in Houston Township in the year 1836. His father died here in 1847 and his mother in 1888.

George W. Cyrus had a country school education, and has successively followed as his chief line of business farming, proprietor of a drug store and newspaper publisher. His name stands high among the county journalists. He established the Camp Point Journal and was its editor from 1873 to 1910. When a young man and about fifty years ago, in 1869, he was made postmaster of Camp Point, and filled that office until 1885, when the first democratic administration after the war took charge of national affairs. He served as justice of the peace of his precinct from 1879 to 1886, as supervisor from 1886 to 1893, and in 1912 came into touch with larger state affairs as a member of the State Board of Equalization.

Mr. Cyrus has been an undeviatingly consistent republican in all his political affiliations. He is affiliated with the Masonic order, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Knights of Pythias, has presided over the lodges of each of these bodies and has held some positions in the Grand Lodge of Masons since 1870, and also in the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery. He is affiliated with Quincy Consistory of the Scottish Rite.

September 22, 1863, in Houston Township Mr. Cyrus married Emily Christina Strickler. She is a daughter of David and Anna Strickler, both natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus have two daughters, Annie and Jessie. The older daughter is unmarried and at home, while Jessie is the wife of John W. Creekmur, a prominent Chicago attorney.

HENRY SOMMER is one of the older residents of Columbus Township, where he located over thirty years ago, and has put his efforts to such good use that his advanced years are being spent in the comforts and plenty of one of the good farms and homes of that rural section. He owns 117 acres, all improved and with valuable buildings. When he located there in 1885 he also set out





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a good orchard and many shade trees, and these have been bearing fruit for many years.

Mr. Sommer was born in Oldenburg, Germany, October 28, 1837, son of John and Elizabeth Sommer and of old Catholic ancestry. His father was a farmer in Germany and died there at the age of fifty-five, while his mother passed away at seventy-two.

Henry Sommer grew up in his native province, and in 1852 was called to the colors for three years in the regular army. In 1865 he started for America, taking passage at Bremen and landing at New York. From New York he came on to Quincy and not long afterwards married Miss Minnie Suburg, who was born in the same section as her husband in October, 1843. They had been betrothed before coming to America. She started from Bremen to New York in 1866. The steamer which carried her was wrecked in mid ocean and for two weeks it drifted in a badly damaged condition and finally, when the passengers were nearly starved, they were landed on the coast of Iceland, and from there were picked up and carried to Halifax by an English transport and thence transferred to a boat going to Boston. Minnie Suburg, during this long and eventful journey had been greatly befriended by a lady who was on the same voyage, and through her kindness she got to Philadelphia. From there she came on to Quincy through funds supplied her by her uncle Herman Einhaus, then a resident of Adams County. In April after arriving at Quincy they were married.

Mr. Sommer after his marriage worked in Quincy two years in a machine shop, and was then on the farm of his wife's uncle in Riverside Township for seven years. Later they farmed at another place in that township, and in 1885 came to the present Sommer home in Columbus Township. Mr. Sommer has been a very successful farmer and stock raiser, and during his active years derived much of his revenue from Poland China hogs.

Mrs. Sommer died at the old home January 15, 1918, at the age of eighty years and five days. She was laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery. Mr. Sommer is still active and vigorous, and celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday October 29, 1918. He and all his family have for many years been members of St. Bridget's Catholic Church at Camp Point.

A brief record of the children is as follows: Henry lives on the farm belonging to his brothers John and George. He married Emma Hildebrand, of Ellington Township, and their children are Albert, Carl, Henrietta Minna, Mildred and Edith. John Sommer was born in Ellington Township in 1871, was well educated in the parochial and public schools, and is now one of the active managers of the home farm. He and his brother George own eighty acres in Columbus Township and he also owns another place of twenty-three acres. John Sommer, who is unmarried, has been a man of importance in his township and for twelve years was in commercial lines as a salesman of fence and implements, and is equally successful as a farmer and stock raiser. Kate is still at home with her father. Minnie is also at home. George, the youngest of the family, lives at Pea Ridge in Brown County, owns eighty acres there, and is married.

JACOB OBERLING is owner and proprietor of the Overlook Farm in Columbus Township. The ownership of this farm constitutes him without further question as one of the most substantial men of Adams County. It consists of land which his father, George Oberling, helped to convert to agricultural purposes. It lies in section 6, and the farm comprises 260 acres. The buildings are first class in every particular. The large, square eight room house was built by Mr. Oberling and completely remodeled and furnished and equipped in 1913. There is a new barn 48 by 48 feet, and other buildings include a cattle barn and tool shed. All the land has good natural drainage, and is highly productive of all the staple crops. Mr. Oberling keeps good grades of livestock, including horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. Farming with him is a business but is also



a pursuit in which his whole heart and mind are engaged and affords the satisfaction that comes from every task well done.

Mr. Oberling has handled this farm for twenty-five years and he learned how to plow and all about farm work on the land which he now cultivates. He was born in Quincy October 9, 1866, and as a boy attended school in the Hazelwood district and in Camp Point.

His parents were George and Katie (Seller) Oberling, both natives of Germany. The grandfather, George Oberling, Sr., and the maternal grandfather, Christian Seller, brought their respective families to the United States and settled in Adams County in the early '40s. His father located as a pioneer on land now included in Overlook Farm. He and his wife spent their last years there, his death occurring at the age of eighty. George Oberling, Sr., spent all his life in Quincy and followed the trade of shoemaker. These families were Lutherans and all the male members were democrats.

George Oberling, Jr., was about eighteen years of age when he enlisted at Quincy in an Adams County regiment in 1861 for service in the Union army. He was fighting the cause of freedom three years, and during that time participated in such memorable battles as Gettysburg, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, the Atlanta campaign and many others. He had many hardships but had no real wounds. Once a ball pierced his canteen and he had many other narrow escapes.

After returning from the war he married Miss Seller. She died in Columbus Township when past three score years. George Oberling was born October 26, 1843, and is now living in the Soldiers Home at Quincy in rather feeble health.

In Columbus Township Jacob Oberling, who is always known among his friends and associates as Jake Oberling, married Miss Anna M. Senner. She was born on what is now the J. C. Gibbs farm in Columbus Township April 5, 1871, and was reared and educated there. Her parents were Peter and Elizabeth (Kercher) Senner, both natives of Germany. On coming to the United States they located on what is now the farm and home of Supervisor Gibbs of Columbus Township. They practically dug that land out of the woods, and lived there many years, seeing their efforts blessed with abundant fertility and ample provision for themselves and their family. Mrs. Oberling's father died in another part of Columbus Township at the age of sixty. Mrs. Senner now lives with a daughter in the Village of Columbus and is past seventy-four years of age. She is a member of the Lutheran Church at Coatsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Oberling and their family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A brief record of their children is as follows: Charles is a farmer in Columbus Township, married Eunice Leash and has a daughter, Ethel, now four years old. Oscar lives in the Village of Columbus and married Mabel Knoblock. William is an exceptionally fine mechanic and is now employed as an instructor in the government automobile and tractor school at North Kansas City, Missouri. He married Helen Wheeler. Lee Oberling married Margaret Knoblock, and they live on one of Mr. Oberling's farms in Columbus Township. Maria is still unmarried and at home.

**JOHN CHRIST GIBBS.** While the business career of Mr. Gibbs has been that of a farmer, and a very capable one at that, in Columbus Township, his long and effective public service as a supervisor has made his name familiar all over Adams County. He is now in his fifth term as supervisor for Columbus Township, and has for three consecutive terms served as chairman of the board. He was elected to this office on the democratic ticket. His home is a good farm of eighty acres in section 5 of Columbus Township. This farm is all improved and thoroughly cultivated, and contains a substantial nine room house built in 1903, and his barn, well equipped for both stock and grain, is several years older. He also owns fifty-four acres in section 6 of the same township, using this land

chiefly for pasturage. Mr. Gibbs bought his present home farm twenty-one years ago. He had previously lived on another farm in the same township.

John Christ Gibbs was born in Memphis, Tennessee, September 21, 1870, and was two years of age when brought to Adams County. He is a son of William and Harriet I. (Shadden) Gibbs, both natives of Tennessee. His father on coming to Adams County located in Honey Creek Township, and for a number of years conducted a blacksmith shop in Coatsburg. He died there July 8, 1889, aged fifty-eight years, two months and ten days. He was a democrat in politics. His first wife, whom he married in Tennessee, died leaving the following children: Frances T., Cordelia, America and Mason. Cordelia is now deceased and the others are still living, all of them in Adams County except America, whose home is in Oklahoma. William Gibbs married for his second wife Harriet I. Shadden, of an old Tennessee family. She died when her son John C. was two years old. She was the mother of three children. William Gibbs married a third time, but had no children by that wife. He was an active member of the United Brethren Church.

John Christ Gibbs grew up in the Village of Coatsburg, attended school there, and since reaching his majority has given his efforts most successfully to farming. He married in Columbus Township Anna E. Marshall. She was born in that township March 10, 1868, and was reared and educated there. Her parents were John C. and Mary E. (DeMoss) Marshall, the former a native of Germany. Her grandparents, John C. and Mary Marshall, on coming from Germany located in Columbus Township and improved some land there, where they died when past sixty years of age. The Marshalls were a Lutheran family. John C. Marshall, Jr., after his marriage lived on a farm in Columbus Township, where he died October 28, 1888. He was born in 1840. Mrs. Gibbs' mother is still living, a resident of Columbus Village, making her home with her son Garnet. She was seventy-four years of age on July 4, 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs have three children: Garnet C., born November 19, 1894, was educated in the Hazelwood district schools and in February, 1918, entered the service of Uncle Sam as a member of the engineer corps, was stationed at a camp in Oregon and at this writing is at Rockford, Illinois. Loyd Marshall, the second child, was born March 16, 1902, and is a schoolboy. Mildred A., born April 17, 1904, is in the ninth grade of the public schools. The family are members of the Christian Church.

NATHAN F. FISHER, a son of Henry and Catherine (Fessenden) Fisher, has for many years been one of the leading farmers and progressive citizens of Liberty Township. His home place is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Liberty Village. The Fishers and the Fessendens have for a long period of years been among the most prominent people in that part of the county.

Henry Fisher was born in Bavaria, Germany, June 11, 1836. In 1854 he came to the United States in order to escape enforced military service, and for a brief time remained at Ganesville, Ohio. Later he joined relatives in Brown County, Illinois. He learned the trade of blacksmith, and once worked in a foundry, receiving 25 cents for his first week's wages. In 1860 he came to Adams County and went to work in the blacksmith shop on the farm of Fred Miller. He was a skillful workman, thrifty and steady in habits, and continued employment on the Fred Miller farm until he had saved about \$1,000. The Fred Miller farm was but a short distance from the Fessenden farm, and the young blacksmith soon made the acquaintance of Catherine Fessenden, and on September 30, 1866, they were married.

Mrs. Catherine Fisher was born February 17, 1842, on the farm where she now resides in Liberty Township. Her father, Nathan Fessenden, who came of the same family as that to which the late statesman, William Pitt Fessenden, belonged, was born in Vermont and followed the foundry trade in Boston. After settling in Adams County he married Sarah Lierle, a daughter of William R.



Lierle, a member of one of the very old and numerous families in Adams County. The various members of the Lierle family and much other information will be found on other pages of this publication. Nathan Fessenden died in August, 1868, at the age of sixty years. His widow survived him many years, passing away October 4, 1911. She was born October 28, 1817, and was therefore in her ninety-fourth year when she died. For fifteen years she had lived with her daughter Mrs. Catherine Fisher, who gave to her mother most devoted care. At her mother's death Mrs. Catherine Fisher received eighty acres of the old homestead. Catherine was one of three sisters. Her sister Elizabeth married Calvin Craig, of New Canton, Pike County, Illinois, and died less than a year after her marriage. Her sister Lucy married Isaac Miller, a son of the Fred Miller, for whom Henry Fisher worked so many years. The Millers lived in Kansas some years but finally returned to Liberty Township, where Lucy died at the age of thirty-five. She was the mother of Maud, who died in childhood, and Fred, who now lives at Galesburg.

After his marriage Henry Fisher took a shop in Liberty Village and conducted it with a large and flourishing trade for ten years. In those days he made in his shop practically everything used, even horseshoe nails. He worked long hours, practically night and day. He always had a keen interest in agriculture, and finally sold his shop in the village and moved out to a farm. He bought eighty acres adjoining his wife's home, built a good house and barn, and added more land until it was a complete farm. He also set up a shop on his farm, did work for his neighbors, and most of the work of his fields was performed by his children or by hired hands. Henry Fisher continued active until his death in May, 1906. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and was a democrat in politics. His wife is a member of the Pleasant View Baptist Church. The Pleasant View Church grounds were donated by Henry Fisher, and recently its cemetery was enlarged by gift from Nathan F. Fisher. The latter is a trustee of the cemetery and is a trustee and deacon of the church. Mrs. Catherine Fisher now lives with her son Nathan. She is a remarkably bright and capable woman and though past seventy-five years of age is still active. Much of her life has been spent in doing for others and in whole-hearted devotion to the welfare of the community and lightening its troubles. For years she was superintendent of the Sunday school. She was the mother of three children, Nettie, Charles and Nathan. Charles died at the age of thirteen. Nettie Fisher was one of the most successful educators Adams County has ever had. She taught twenty-one terms, most of that time in the home school, and at one time was in a school near Des Moines. She had attended one term at the Dixon Normal School, and was constantly improving her advantages by attending educational institutions. She always received the highest wages as a teacher. Later she married Arthur Miller, of Mount Sterling, Illinois, and she died at Los Angeles, leaving one son, Carl Miller, now living in California.

Nathan F. Fisher lives at home and early took upon himself many of the responsibilities connected with the management of the farm. About seventeen years ago he bought eighty acres where he now lives, this having been originally owned by his father. He has built a good house and barn, has added forty acres besides, and in addition has conducted the old home. Mr. Fisher has been liberal in the support of the Red Cross, Liberty Bond and other patriotic movements. He is a democrat. Since he was twenty-one years of age he has served continuously as school director except for one year. He is a member of the Adams County Mutual Insurance Company, is a Woodman, and, as above noted, is very active in the Pleasant View Baptist Church.

At the age of twenty-one he married Miss Lydia Kuntz, of McKee Township, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Kuntz, both now deceased. Her father was an old soldier and his life was shortened by his army service. Mrs. Fisher was born in McKee Township. Five children have come to their union. Bertha, the oldest, is the wife of Harry Frischkorn, now living at Selma, Montana. They have one child, Florine L. Charles H. is at the same locality in Montana, where



he and his brother-in-law took up homesteads. He married Ethel Carter and has two children, Delbert C. and Floyd Orville. Nettie, formerly a teacher in Adams County, is the wife of Everett Taylor, who now operates the old Fisher farm. Edith M. is at home, as is also Floyd F. The daughter Bertha was for seven years a teacher in Adams County before her marriage.

**ERNST WILLIAM SCHAFER.** The best Americans today are those whose energies are devoted to the productive processes by which the world is fed and clothed. Measured by this standard, Ernst William Schafer, of Fall Creek Township, has an enviable record. Mr. Schafer has been a practical farmer all his life, and has sought no honors beyond those connected with good honest toil and kindly relations with his community. Mr. Schafer's place, where he was born and where he has spent all his life, is located near the town hall in Fall Creek Township.

He was born on that farm March 20, 1866, a son of William and Flora (Kruger) Schafer. His parents came with three children from Lippe-Detmold to America and settled in Adams County. The father began renting the farm now owned by his son. He had about \$200 on reaching this country, having earned that or rather saved it from his meager wages in a brick yard in Germany. He continued as a renter for some ten or fifteen years before he bought 160 acres included in the fine farm of his son Ernst William. For that land he paid \$40 an acre, and went in debt for a considerable part of the purchase money. After that he made the land pay for itself. Some years later he bought another 160 acres adjoining, about half of it bottom land. By that time land values had greatly increased, and he paid \$10,000 for this tract. The first 160 acres is nearly all bottom land, with about five acres of big walnut timber. The present substantial residence on the farm was built the year William Schafer died. His first house was erected of logs, and his first considerable improvement was a good barn. The children slept in the loft of the barn, and in the winter they frequently woke up to find their covers overlaid with snow. William Schafer also bought sixty acres of chiefly pasture land. He was once asked to serve as road boss, but he never showed any inclinations to accept such public responsibility. He was a very active member and liberal supporter of the Evangelical Church, and was laid to rest in the churchyard. His good wife died in March and he passed away in May, 1899, at the age of eighty-one. His family consisted of the following children: Jettie, who married Alexander Miller, and both are now deceased; Julia died about five years ago in Eubanks, Missouri, her first husband having been Henry Felton and her second, Fred Riese; Hannah married John Speckhart, a well known citizen elsewhere referred to; Latta is the wife of Gus Higgenbarmer, a retired gardener living at Quincy; Henry lives on one of his father's farms; Louise, wife of August Reich, of Fall Creek Township; Ernst William; and Minnie and Amelia, both unmarried.

Ernst William Schafer has spent all his life on the old farm. He inherited the original homestead of 160 acres, and he and his brother Henry owned together the sixty acres previously referred to, until he bought his brother's share. That gives him a farm of 220 acres, though a few acres have been taken out for the right of way of the Power Line and Railroad. Except the house and barn he has erected all the buildings on the farm. This is one of the most productive farms in the county for corn and wheat, wheat having been a special crop with Mr. Schafer for many years.

March 12, 1898, he married Miss Catherine Keil, daughter of George and Margaret (Speckhart) Keil. She grew up in the same neighborhood as her husband, and was twenty years of age at the time of her marriage. She is a sister of Adam Keil, and member of the well known family of that name frequently mentioned on other pages. Her father died about thirty-five years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Schafer have four children, all at home, named Andrew, Fred,

August and Margaret. The family attend worship in the Bluff Hall Congregational Church.

Besides his home place Mr. Schafer and his brother Henry some years ago secured 140 acres of bottom land on Sny Island, and they still own that in partnership.

**CAPT. WILLIAM SOMERVILLE.** Noteworthy among the citizens of honor and integrity whom Adams County has been called upon to mourn within the past few years none were more highly esteemed and none are more missed than Capt. William Somerville, of Quincy. An officer in the Civil war, and later active in public affairs, his services in military and civil life are eminently entitled to honorable recognition and commendation. A son of James Somerville III, he was born August 15, 1837, in Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania, where his great-grandfather, James Somerville I, located on immigrating to this country from Scotland in about 1735, and where his grandfather, James Somerville II, spent his entire life, dying in 1840, at the venerable age of ninety years.

James Somerville III, born in 1800, lived in Pennsylvania until 1850. Following the march of civilization westward in that year to Hancock County, Illinois, he settled with his family on a farm in Carthage. Listening to the lure of the far distant gold fields, he went to California in search of the precious metal, but being disappointed in the results of his mining ventures he soon returned to Carthage, served in Civil war for a time, and was afterward engaged in tilling the soil during the remainder of his active life. His wife, whose maiden name was Susan Stover, daughter of Michel and Katherine (Fischer) Stover, was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1810, coming from pure Dutch ancestry, and she died in 1856 in Hancock County, Illinois, aged forty-six years.

A lad of thirteen years when he came with his parents to Illinois, William Somerville attended the public schools for a time, acquiring the common branches. Soon after the outbreak of the Civil war, filled with the same patriotic ardor that inspired his Grandfather Somerville, who served as a soldier in the Revolutionary army, he enlisted May 9, 1861, in Company D, Sixteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, one of the most noted regiments of the Western army, and with his comrades participated in many of the more important engagements of the conflict. Faithful at all times to the duties imposed upon him, and brave and fearless in battle, he won promotions by gallant conduct on the field of battle, rising from the ranks to the responsible position of captain of his company.

Among the many battles in which Captain Somerville took an active part was the one at New Madrid, the engagements at Island No. 10, and the two at Farmington. He was with his command during the Atlanta campaign, fighting gallantly on various occasions. He accompanied Sherman on the march to the sea, thence through the Carolinas up to Bentonville, North Carolina, where, in March, 1865, the captain was wounded in the groin by a minnie ball and incapacitated for further service, the war being ended when his wound had healed.

Returning to Illinois after receiving his discharge from the army, Captain Somerville was actively identified for a period of twenty-eight years with the internal revenue service, a position that he filled most acceptably, gaining national distinction for the bravery and tact with which handled the moonshine distillers and other crooked employes of the Government, who were apprehended through his vigorous efforts. In his brave and fearless pursuit through the mountain strongholds of the illicit distillers, the captain made himself so obnoxious to the moonshiners that they placed a price upon his head and vowed to shoot him if they ever had a chance. In the spring of 1897 Captain Somerville resigned his office in the revenue service to accept the position of superintendent of the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, Illinois, having been appointed by Governor Tanner. In that capacity he displayed rare good judgment and execu-



tive ability of a high order, the affairs of the institution having been administered efficiently and satisfactorily under his supervision.

Conspicuous in political matters, Captain Somerville was active and influential in republican ranks; fraternally he was prominent in Masonic circles, having been a member of lodge, chapter and commandery; he was likewise an active and interested member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Loyal Legion.

For his first wife Captain Somerville married Helen M. Alexander at Eaton, Ohio, a daughter of Thomas K. and Charlotte (Perry) Alexander. The Perrys came to the United States about 1635, and the Alexanders are an old Virginia family. Mrs. Somerville was born at West Alexander, Ohio, January 23, 1841, and died in Quincy in April, 1871, when thirty years of age, leaving four children, two of whom died in infancy. The remaining two are Miss Carrie Somerville, and James A. Somerville, who is identified with the Missouri Pacific Railway Company and makes his home in Saint Louis. Captain Somerville married for his second wife Mary Thompson, a daughter of Thomas and Amelia (Williams) Thompson. Mrs. Somerville was a native of Quincy. Captain Somerville died January 9, 1911, in Quincy, which had been his home for upwards of forty years, and his wife, who survived him, passed to the life beyond December 21, 1915.

THOMAS B. DEMPSEY. One of the oldest as well as one of the best country estates in Ellington Township is the old Dempsey homestead in section 2. It has been continuously occupied by people of the Dempsey name since it was acquired, largely in an unimproved condition, by James Dempsey seventy years ago. Through all these years it has responded to intelligent cultivation and management, and is today more valuable and productive than ever, with a grandson of the original owner in charge of fields and general management.

At that old homestead the late Thomas B. Dempsey was born October 1, 1855, and in the same environment spent practically all the days of his life. He died September 1, 1916, at the age of sixty-one.

His father, James Dempsey, was born in Londonderry August 15, 1820. He was one of the interesting pioneers of Adams County, and had a long and useful life, terminating March 12, 1899, when he was seventy-nine years of age. He was of pure Irish ancestry, the Dempseys all being Catholics, and with few exceptions Irish farmers. James Dempsey grew up in Ireland and had about rounded out his majority when in 1841 he came on a sailing vessel with his brother Charles to New York City. They landed there six weeks after starting from home, and James Dempsey soon went to Pennsylvania and found self supporting employment. While there he married Bridget McCafferty. She was born in the same Irish county as her husband, being a year or two younger. She had come to America with her brothers William and Robert, also by sailing vessel. In Pennsylvania she found employment at Catasaqua, and was there until her marriage. Her brothers William and Robert both enlisted at the time of the Civil war, one fighting for the North and the other in the uniform of the gray. William lost his life during the war, and after his army career Robert returned to Ireland.

James Dempsey after his marriage worked at the Iron Works at Allentown, Pennsylvania. About that time his parents, Patrick and Mary Dempsey, came to America, and they spent their last years in Ellington Township of Adams County. Other members of the family to live in Adams County were Mark, Ed, Charles and Patrick Dempsey.

Two children were born to James Dempsey and wife in Pennsylvania. Then in the late '40s by canal boat and river and overland traffic they reached Adams County. They invested their limited capital in a tract of partly improved land, 160 acres, in section 2 of Ellington Township. It was years of toil and unceasing diligence on the part of James Dempsey that this land was converted into a fine farm. He lived there the rest of his life. Both he and his wife were active members of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Quincy but later



became identified with the founding of St. Joseph's Church in Mendon Township, and they gave liberally of their means to the building of the church and were always workers in its organization. James Dempsey and wife had the following children: Thomas, James, Jr., William, John, Patrick, Mary, Sarah, Catherine and Ellen. All the sons are now deceased. The only one of the sons to marry was Thomas B. Dempsey. The daughter Mary died as the wife of Frank Dougherty, and left nine children. Sarah died after her marriage to George Burns, and left a son who was later killed in a railroad accident. Another daughter, Ellen, is the wife of Gotlieb Schuefle, of Quincy, and they have five sons, two of them in the United States service.

Thomas B. Dempsey received his education largely at Bloomfield in the public schools. He lived on the home farm and became owner of it while his father was still living. He was as provident and thrifty in managing land and its resources as his father had been before him, and the farm as it is today represents much of his labor and thoughtful care. Among other improvements he erected a large barn 40 by 44 feet, with all facilities for convenience and dispatch for farm work. There is also a substantial seven-room house on the farm. A well 132 feet deep was dug a few years ago which is noted for its good drinking water. The land is all productive and thoroughly cultivated and the possibilities of its cultivation now devolve upon his youngest son, Orville Dempsey.

October 26, 1887, Thomas B. Dempsey married in Ellington Township Minnie Aneals. She was born on her father's fine farm in section 10 of Ellington Township, and was educated at the public school and also in Chaddock College at Quincy. Mrs. Dempsey has proved a most devoted wife and mother and incidentally an able manager of the farm and home. Her father was Francis A. Aneals. He was born in Boone County, Missouri, October 30, 1826, and was brought to Adams County by his parents in 1832. His father died during a cholera epidemic in 1833. Francis Aneals married in 1847 Almira Frost, who was born in Athens County, Ohio, June 5, 1827. They began as farmers in Adams County, and some years later bought their place in section 10 of Ellington Township, where he made a fine estate of nearly 300 acres, one improved with the best of buildings. Francis Aneals died there October 28, 1908, at the age of eighty-two. He was a republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife died June 27, 1906. Francis Aneals and wife had one son and two daughters. Ella is the wife of William Reynolds and lives in Portland, Oregon, being the mother of two children, Hallie and Mamie. William Aneals is in the railway mail service and lives at Fowler, Illinois. He married Clara Dickhut and their family consists of Roy, Pearl, Myrtle and Dorothy. Mrs. Dempsey is the mother of five children: Frank, born at the old home, is now a successful contractor in St. Louis. He married Lydia Schlipman, of Ellington Township. Their children are Frank, Jr., and Thomas H. Elmer Dempsey is a farmer in Honey Creek Township of this county. He married Ruth Seckman, and has a son, Gerald E. H. Myra was educated in the local schools and is now the wife of John Shipman, of Ellington Township, and has a son, Eugene J., born in 1917. Laura Grace, who was educated in the public schools, still lives with her mother. The youngest son is Orville Dempsey. He has proved a most competent manager of the old Dempsey homestead. The children were all confirmed in St. Joseph Catholic Church. Laura and Orville are competent musicians, she playing the piano and he the violin. Orville is also a singer, having a melodious voice. The late Thomas Dempsey was a democrat and his sons have the same political allegiance.

MAJ. REUBEN WOODS, Surgeon of One Hundred and Nineteenth Volunteers. The nineteenth century furnished to the people of the United States opportunities which were never excelled by any age of the world, and these were taken advantage of by many men of enterprise, ability and determination, and



*Reuben Moody*





by none with more spirit and high resolve than by the subject of this sketch, Dr. Reuben Woods, Major and Surgeon of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers.

A brief sketch of his forebears will give some indications of the elements which combined in him the efficiency, the zeal, the lofty spirit, the high aspirations and the untiring industry which characterized Doctor Woods through a life of vicissitudes, of adventure, of danger, of capture by the enemy, of exposure to disease, through all of which his undaunted courage sustained him and brought him to an advanced age in the peace which he so richly won.

In the seventeenth century the Scotch Covenanters, expanding in numbers from their native heath, sought the more fertile and less peopled vales of the north of Ireland to found new homes. Among these were the progenitors of the Woods family, who settled in County Tyrone, and who maintained their sturdy Scotch Presbyterianism through all changes of surroundings.

In 1792 a branch of the family headed by John Woods, came to America and settled in the coal regions of Southwestern Pennsylvania. Here John Woods met and married Miss Nancy Ann Peairs whose parents had come to America in 1750. Her father, Joseph Peairs, of Holland Dutch Presbyterian stock had bought a piece of land from one of William Penn's Indians, the parchment title deed of which shows the picture of a hatchet and a pair of moccasins, the consideration given for the land. This farm is still in possession of the Peairs family and the Presbyterian Church twice rebuilt by the family is still open for worship.

Nancy Ann Peairs was born on this farm. While she was still an infant the family were hurried into Fort Duquesne for safety during an Indian uprising, and while there little Ann, the pet of the soldiers, learned to walk.

Soon after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Woods moved to Mercer County, Pennsylvania, where they purchased a farm. In this clearing in the primeval forest, they brought up their family of ten stalwart sons. James J. the fifth son married Miss Jane Thompson and Reuben, the second son in their family of four sons and three daughters, was born on a farm near Greenville, Mercer County, Pennsylvania.

In 1845, Mr. James Woods emigrated, first going to Munroe, Wisconsin, but the rigorous winters of 1845 and 1847 induced him to seek a milder climate. He then came to Adams County, Illinois, and settled on the well known Mound Farm, six miles north of Barry, Pike County. He brought west with him his aged mother, whose gentle presence filled the home with kindly cheer until the day of her death.

Here the boy Reuben grew to early manhood. At the age of seventeen he went to Galesburg where his father's elder brother, William J. Woods, a reformer, a hater of slavery and of strong drink, was publishing a newspaper. This paper, *The Free Democrat*, was the organ of the advanced thought in that center of education.

Here the young man entered Lombard University and acquired that solid education which prepared him for active life. During vacations, our student taught school and while teaching at Payson, Adams County, he met a young woman of such grace and culture that the farmer boy was captivated by the loveliness of the girl and the brilliancy of her intellect. She was Miss Anna Shepherd, whom he afterward married. While in Payson he studied medicine under the direction of Dr. Moses M. Bane, who was later the colonel of the Fiftieth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers and he took his course of medical lectures at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Then came the Civil war. Doctor Woods immediately offered his services to his country and was appointed assistant surgeon, One Hundred and Nineteenth Regiment Illinois Volunteers and mustered into the United States service October 10, 1862. On June 10, 1864, he was promoted surgeon of the regiment.

We cannot here give the history of this splendid regiment. It served in Kentucky and Tennessee, in the battles with General Forrest at Rutherford and Dyer Station. At Dyer Station, Doctor Woods, who had been ill for more than a fortnight, was captured with other invalid soldiers and then paroled by Gen. Norman B. Forrest. The regiment served in the campaign of West Tennessee, to Memphis in 1863, with General Sherman in Mississippi, culminating in the capture of Meridian, in the Red River campaign with General Banks, with its disastrous results, and in the Yellow Bayou, Louisiana, fight under Gen. A. J. Smith. Then the regiment distinguished itself in the battle of Gun-town, Tennessee. It then reported to General Halleck at St. Louis and pursued General Price in the Missouri campaign, a march of 700 miles. From thence up the Cumberland River to General Thomas, December 1, 1864, the regiment had a glorious part in the battles of Nashville and Franklin and in the pursuit of General Hood's retreating battalions. But there was no rest for the One Hundred and Nineteenth. It was rushed down the Mississippi and across the gulf to Mobile Bay to the siege of Spanish Fort and took Fort Blakely on the 9th of April, 1865, after the war was over.

After the war, Doctor Woods took a post graduate course at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York, receiving his degree in 1866. He practiced medicine successfully in Chicago and in Payson for some years. Interested particularly in diseases of the eye, he qualified himself by special courses in ophthalmology in Chicago and in New York and then went to the Pacific Coast. He was the first oculist who located in Oakland, California, where he established an excellent and memorable reputation. Called back to Illinois by family bereavement, Doctor Woods opened an office in Quincy in 1881, and soon acquired a large practice from adjacent territories.

In the family home a genial old-fashioned hospitality has been limited by the prolonged ill health of Mrs. Woods. Always unselfish, Doctor Woods has accepted this disappointment with a patient, tender watchfulness, which throughout the years, has surrounded his wife with every comfort which love could suggest or science devise. Precluded from taking part in general social affairs, Doctor and Mrs. Woods have maintained an unobtrusive, persistent influence in intellectual and humane activities for the welfare of the city.

The doctor has long since discontinued professional work and is devoting his time to the management of his farm property in the south part of the county. In this pleasant health-giving pursuit he is spending his ripening years with the consciousness of having done his full duty during a long and strenuous life.

THE REV. JOSEPH ORLANDO METCALF, A. M., 1815-1900. The ancient Hebrew words "With long life will I satisfy him," apply well to the memory of a worthy man, whose years on earth were eighty-five, whose years in Illinois were fifty-four and whose years in Adams County were given to work of excellence and quickening power.

Joseph Orlando Metcalf enjoyed a happy boyhood in his native town of Lebanon, Connecticut. In the first quarter of the century his parents, attracted by the opportunities of what was at that time considered the western country, moved to Clinton, Oneida County, New York. His mother was of Scotch Puritan ancestry, tracing a direct descent from Colonel McCall, who served under the command of Oliver Cromwell during the English civil war. She was a woman of much intellectual ability, endowed with a strong religious sense and maintained always a close sympathy with the career of her son. Mr. Metcalf was a graduate of Hamilton College, Clinton, New York, and of the theological department of Madison University, a Baptist institution, re-named Colgate University, in Hamilton, New York.

In 1846 he married Miss Ruth Chapin White, an attractive young woman

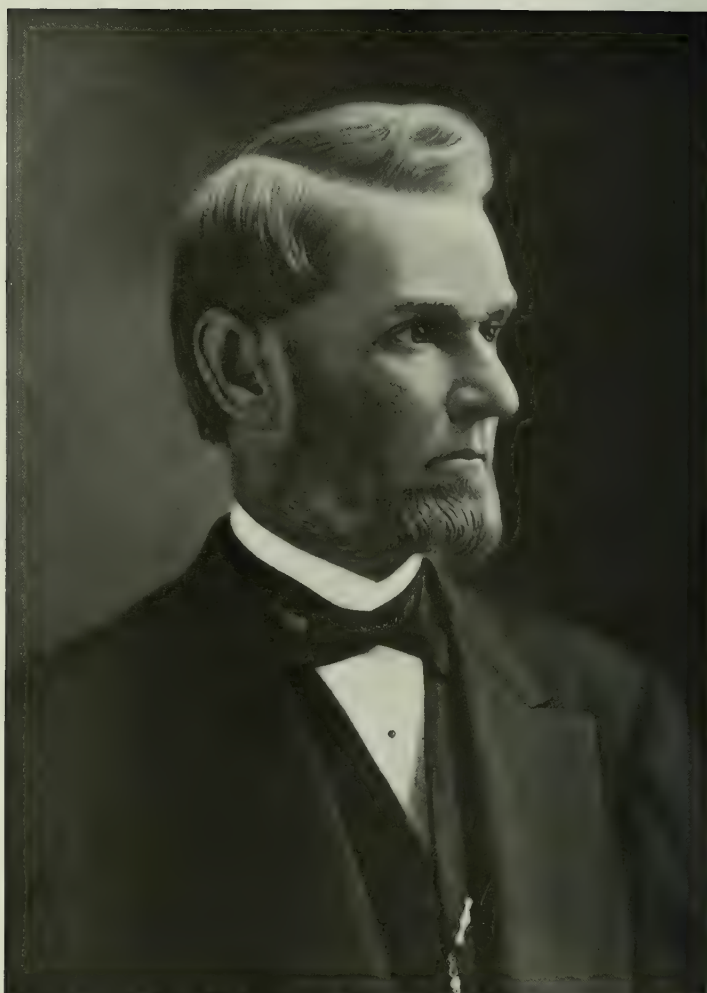


*J. P. Metcalf*









M. Shepherd



educated at the Young Ladies' Seminary of Whitesboro, New York, where she was much influenced by the teachings of Miss Emily Chubbuck, well known in the literary world as Fanny Forrester, who later became the wife of the distinguished Adoniram Judson, D. D., the pioneer American Baptist missionary in India.

Immediately after their marriage the young couple started on their long journey by stage coach to Illinois, where Mr. Metcalf began his pastoral work in the Baptist Church of Knoxville, the county seat of Knox County. From there he was called to the Baptist Church of Perry in Pike County, and later became pastor of the Baptist Church at Payson, Adams County. Two little children, Vinet White and his baby sister, came to the home in Payson but remained for a brief time only. In this town, aside from his services as a clergyman, Mr. Metcalf is remembered particularly on account of a private school which he conducted for several years. With thorough, individual instruction, he prepared young men for a good standing in college or for an intelligent management of affairs in active life. Many well known men in the southern part of Adams County are representative pupils of his training.

Although successful as a teacher Mr. Metcalf's heart was always in his chosen profession of the ministry, and in the spring of 1860 he gladly resumed church work in Macomb. Afterward he had charge of Baptist churches in Avon, Leland and LaGrange, Illinois. When advanced years made it necessary to retire from active pursuits Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf returned to Macomb and purchased a home, desiring to spend among the faithful friends of that city the quiet days that might be allotted to them. During the five years that followed the sudden death of his wife, Mr. Metcalf resided in the family of an endeared acquaintance where every possible kindness and care was given him during his increasing years and waning strength. He was called to the life beyond October 20, 1900.

Mr. Metcalf's pulpit addresses were characterized by careful, studious preparation. However one may have differed from the man in opinion or in methods, it was impossible to be with him and not to recognize his firm convictions of duty and his unswerving allegiance to the highest standards of excellence and righteousness. In every community where he lived he is remembered for his thoughtful attentions and helpfulness as pastor, friend and neighbor. He had a rare power of sympathy for those in sorrow and bereavement; with compassionate understanding he brought to the sick room encouragement and calm.

The influence of his undaunted endeavor for more than half a century in Illinois is far reaching, potent and lasting.

"I speak of him  
As he is known to all. The calm delights  
Of unambitious piety he chose,  
And learning's solid dignity.  
He sought not praise, and praise did overlook  
His unobtrusive merit, but his life,  
Sweet to himself, was exercised in good  
Which shall survive his name and memory."

MAXIMILIAN SHEPHERD, M. D., December 28, 1814—March 8, 1880. A distinct type of that old time character "the Country Doctor," whose arduous life of kindly service has furnished theme for verse and story, was Dr. M. Shepherd of Payson, Illinois.

Doctor Shepherd was of Virginia descent. His parents, Richard and Elizabeth Wingfield Shepherd, were natives of Culpeper County in that state. Most of their married life was spent in Iredell County, North Carolina. Mr. Richard Shepherd died in Asheville leaving his widow and four children, Thomas

Jefferson, Henry Milton, Caroline and Maximilian. Throughout all the years spent on the western prairies Doctor Shepherd treasured his memories of the picturesque scenery of the Blue Ridge around his childhood home. Mrs. Elizabeth Shepherd married the second time. The family joined a company of neighbors in emigrating to seek new homes in the western country. After crossing the Allegheny Mountains the party divided, some going to Kentucky, others to Indiana and Illinois. The names of Wingfield, Stephenson, Nichols, Ewing and Shepherd were familiar in pioneer times and have been honorably maintained to the present day.

Doctor Shepherd's youth was spent in Putnam County, Indiana. At the age of sixteen he began his own support. His industry and economy enabled him to enter the Indiana Asbury University at Greencastle, which was under the management of the Rev. Matthew Simpson, who became a noted bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The institution is now known as De Pauw University. It was there Doctor Shepherd developed the love of choice literature which became an enjoyment and a solace in his future life. At the age of twenty-one he began the study of medicine with Dr. William L. Mahan of Pleasant Garden, Indiana. His reading was continued with Doctors Talbot and Cowgill of Greencastle and he commenced his practice in Pleasant Garden in 1838. In 1840 he removed to Payson, Illinois and there undertook his chosen life work so faithfully continued for forty years, a work well done, well remembered, well revered.

Few people living now, realize the hardships, self denial, discouragements and obstacles endured by the pioneer physicians in the Prairie State. Visits were made mostly on horseback, as rough roads, unfrequented by-ways, obscure bridle paths or making a new course through the unbroken prairies and ford-ing streams of uncertain depth made travel difficult and dangerous.

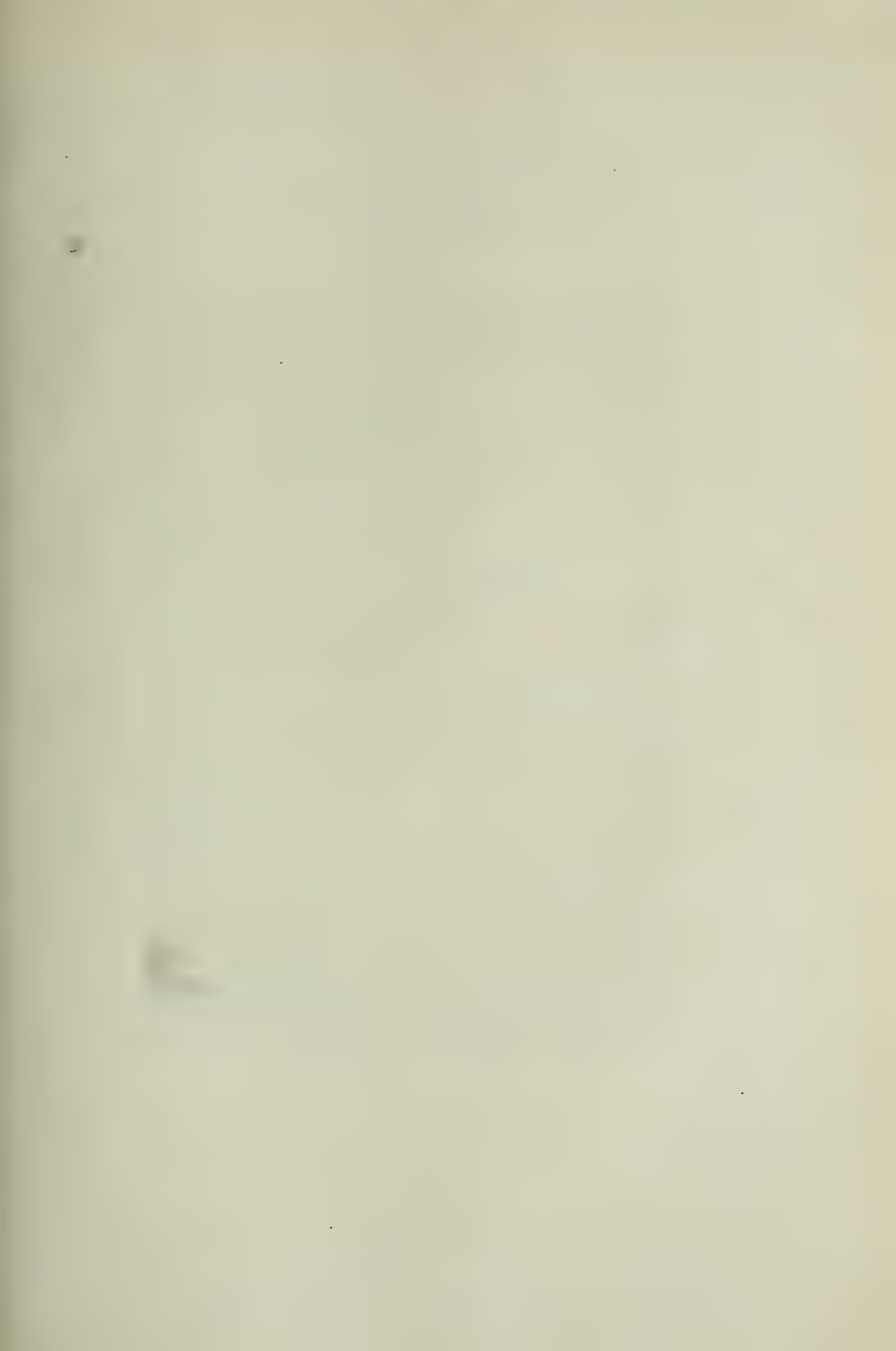
Very few also realize the watchful preparedness of the pioneer physician who must supply his own remedies and compound his own prescriptions. To do this involved the continual replenishing of a miniature apothecary shop carried in saddle bags especially constructed for such purpose. For the mysterious depths of the aromatic caverns the doctor drew forth pills and powders, syrups and tinctures, extracts and oils, lotions and liniments, ointments and plasters. One compartment contained a tourniquet, bandages and a small leather case of surgical instruments.

Doctor Shepherd soon became a partner of Dr. David Prince, the first physician who practiced in Payson, having come there with his parents from Brooklyn, Connecticut. After a time Doctor Prince went to Cincinnati for medical lectures and then settled in Jacksonville, where he became one of the prominent surgeons of Illinois.

Doctor Shepherd formed another partnership with Dr. William Chittenden Harrington, a newly arrived physician from Watertown, New York. The names of these two physicians were household words in a wide range of territory, as their practice extended to Liberty, Burton, Newtown, Kinderhook and Millville, now called Marblehead. Their nearest professional neighbors were in Columbus, Barry and Quincy. Neither Doctor Harrington nor Doctor Shepherd made any claim to surgery, aside from minor cases. For major operations they depended upon Dr. Daniel Stahl of Quincy or Dr. David Prince of Jacksonville.

In 1844 Doctor Shepherd spent the winter attending lectures at the Louisville Medical Institute and was graduated in 1845. The college faculty contained men of much celebrity, including Dr. Daniel Drake, afterward of Cincinnati Medical College and Dr. Samuel Gross, later the eminent surgeon of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

The increasing population and prosperity of Payson attracted a number of professional men to the place. Dr. Moses M. Bane came from Athens, Ohio, in 1849; Dr. Samuel Sturgis, the first dentist who practiced in Payson,







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came from Chester County, Pennsylvania, in 1852; Dr. Moses F. Bassett from Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1853; Dr. Henry W. Kendall from Cincinnati in 1856.

At the outbreak of the Civil war, Doctor Bane became colonel of the Fiftieth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers and Doctor Kendall surgeon of that regiment. The intimate acquaintance and warm friendship of these two gentlemen for Doctor Shepherd continued throughout life.

On first coming to Illinois Doctor Shepherd united with the Presbyterian Church of Newtown; in 1852 he transferred his membership to the Congregational Church of Payson where he was an influential and generous member.

In early years he was a staunch democrat but joined the republican party at the time of its formation and gave it always his loyal support.

In 1843 Doctor Shepherd was married to Miss Mary Ann, eldest daughter of Col. John Gill and Mary Vickers Humphrey, who came with her parents from Leesburg, Virginia, to Burton Township in 1836. Mrs. Shepherd was a lady of unusual beauty and grace beloved by all who knew her. The only son, John Humphrey, died in 1848. The following year Mrs. Shepherd was a victim of acute tuberculosis and died September 28, 1849. She entrusted the little daughter, Anna, to her father's home and care. Never was trust more faithfully fulfilled. Neither cares nor fatigue prevented the father's watchful oversight of the physical welfare and mental growth of his delicate child. From the strict training given in the Payson academies by the Rev. Joseph O. Metcalf and the Rev. William M. Corbin, Miss Shepherd was well prepared for the opportunities afforded in Brooklyn Heights Seminary, conducted by Dr. Charles E. West and Miss Mary A. Brigham, afterward president of Mount Holyoke College. Following her graduation Miss Shepherd taught in Brooklyn Heights Seminary until her marriage to Dr. Reuben Woods of Chicago. In 1870 Doctor and Mrs. Woods came to Payson where Doctor Woods was associated with his father-in-law and continued in practice there for six years. A change of climate seemed essential for health and Doctor and Mrs. Woods went to Oakland, California, with the promise that Doctor Shepherd would soon follow them to the Pacific Coast. Business complications and close associations combined to retain him in the old home. A life of leisure ceased to appeal to him and he often expressed a wish "to die in the harness." The wish was granted. Despite the entreaties of the household and of the neighbors he insisted on riding through a raging storm to Bluff Hall where a patient was critically ill. To all remonstrances he answered in his firm, quiet way "the man has put his life in my care. I must not fail him." The exposure resulted in a brief fatal illness. On the eighth of March, 1880, the second physician who came to Payson, the senior physician of Adams County, ended his consecrated service of forty years.

Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. Seldom does the sense of sorrow so pervade an entire community as when the announcement of his death was made known. Sadly and gratefully was recalled what he had done, what he had stood for, what he was. There was bereavement not only for the trusted physician but also for the giving up of the devoted family friend. There were vivid memories of the low, mellow voice as it spoke words of kindly cheer, of wise counsel, of fatherly comfort. There were sacred memories of hours when the tender clasp of his gentle hand conveyed a heartfelt sympathy which no words could express.

"Honour a physician according to thy need of him with the honours due unto him.

"For verily the Lord hath created him,—and from him is peace upon the face of the earth."

AUGUST F. MEYER has spent all his life in and around Quincy, has been identified with business affairs in that city, but is now giving his time to the

productive business of farming, owning a well situated place and a valuable body of land in section 29 of Ellington Township.

He was born in Quincy November 13, 1872, son of William D. and Mary (Benhoff) Meyer. His father was born near Berlin, Germany, and at the age of twenty-one came to the United States, working for a time on a farm near Quincy. He also worked in local pork packing establishments and in 1860 became a lime burner along the Mississippi River. He was one of the first to handle imported cement. He continued the business until failing health compelled him to retire, and in 1891 his son William took his place in the business. William D. Meyer, Sr., died February 9, 1903, when nearly seventy years of age. He married in Quincy Mary (Benhoff) Giesecke. She was a native of Westphalia, Germany, and celebrated her eighty-eighth birthday May 22, 1918. Her first husband, Mr. Giesecke, and several of her children died during a cholera epidemic at St. Louis during 1848-49. By her marriage to William D. Meyer, Sr., she had three children: Julia, Mrs. Fred Dralle of Quincy; William D.; and August.

August F. Meyer attended the German parochial schools and also the Irving public schools of Quincy. At an early age he went to work for his father in the latter's lime kiln. After the death of his father he kept a livery barn on South Eighth Street, and later provided a large storage house for automobiles, having a building 40 by 48 and 120 feet. Mr. Meyer has for several years suffered the affliction of partial deafness, and in 1916 he rented his business in town and moved to his farm of eighty acres in section 29 of Ellington Township. He conducts this farm on a businesslike plan, raises large crops and good livestock, and has a fine home of eight rooms.

In Quincy May 2, 1895, he married Amelia Shelp. Mrs. Meyer, who has been the best of wives and mothers, was born in Quincy January 11, 1876, and was reared and educated there. Her parents were Peter and Wilhelmina (Dickman) Shelp, both natives of Westphalia, Germany. They came when still single by sailing vessel to New Orleans, and thence up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, were married in that city, and afterwards established homes at Quincy. Her father died in Quincy March 1, 1894, lacking twenty-eight days of the age of sixty-five. He was a carpenter by trade. Mrs. Meyer's mother died December 1, 1916, aged eighty-two. Her parents were members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and her father was a republican. Mrs. Meyer's brother, Herman Shelp, is a former alderman, is assistant supervisor and is married and has a family of sons and daughters. Her sister Hannah is the wife of Joseph Frese, of Quincy. Her brother August lives at Quincy and is married and has two sons. Her sister Minnie is the wife of Edward Reinstorff, of Quincy, and has one son and two daughters. Another brother lives at Quincy, is married, but has no children.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer had three children. Florence, the second, died when ten years of age. Their daughter Ella was educated in the public schools of Quincy and is the wife of J. E. Strauss, now of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Their son Harvey William, born May 4, 1903, has attended the Quincy city schools and is now a sturdy youth helping his father on the farm. The family are members of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church at Quincy, and Mr. Meyer is a republican voter.

**ALBERT DICK.** Endowed by nature with the habits of industry, honesty and thrift that inevitably command success in the business world, Albert Dick, of Quincy, is numbered among the representative members of his city, being secretary of the Dick Brothers Brewery Company. He was born March 17, 1865, in Quincy, which has been his home and the scene of his business career.

His parents, Mathew and Eleanor (Deidesheimer) Dick, were both born and reared in Bavaria, Germany, and after coming to America continued their journey westward from the Atlantic Coast to Adams County, Illinois, where



both spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying in Quincy in 1886, and the mother in 1876. During his active career the father was engaged in the milling and brewing business as an active member of the firm of Dick Brothers. Four children blessed their union, as follows: Albert; Ernst, connected with the Dick Brothers Brewery; Lizzatta, widow of W. C. Fick, late of Quincy; and Elenora, who died in early womanhood.

Having acquired a practical education, Albert Dick entered the official department of the brewery with which he is now associated, and has since become familiar with the workings of every department of the immense plant. In 1909 he became secretary of Dick Brothers Brewery Company, and has served efficiently in that capacity ever since. On September 2, 1889, Mr. Dick was united in marriage with Anna B. Jegerich, and of their marriage two children have been born, namely: Arthur J., now located at Davenport, Iowa, and Willis E., located at Chicago, Illinois.

LOUIS H. BERGER, who died April 8, 1918, was a distinguished Quincy lawyer, distinguished not only by more than forty years of continuous work and success, but also by an exhibition of talents and skill that brought him a recognized position among the keenest and most resourceful attorneys in the State of Illinois. More than any of his contemporaries at Quincy his name appeared as counsellor in important cases before the Federal tribunals, both in the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court at Washington. His abilities were eminently displayed in corporation practice.

He was a splendid representative of the Jewish people and also represented a Hebrew family that for many hundreds of years lived in Southern Germany, Bavaria and Wuerttemberg. His father's people were largely educators and merchants, while on his mother's side his forebears were largely agriculturists. Three of his father's brothers were teachers in the schools of Bavaria.

His father was Simon Berger, who for many years was active in business affairs at Quincy, and had the oldest insurance agency in the city, operated ever since 1872 and today known as Simon Berger Insurance Agency. He was sole proprietor until a few years before his death, and in 1905 took in a son. Simon Berger grew up in Bavaria, and as a young man filled the office of court reporter in the old country. He abandoned that work and went to Belgium, where he remained 2½ years, and left there to come to the United States. He arrived in this country at the close of the Mexican war, having crossed the ocean on a sailing vessel belonging to a corporation owned by his uncle. He was seventeen weeks in making the voyage, landing in Boston, where he engaged in the jewelry business. He married there Miss Theresa Wineberger, whose family also came from Germany. She had lived at Bangor and Bath, Maine, before her marriage.

To these parents at Boston, Massachusetts, Louis H. Berger was born in 1855. In 1858 the family came to Quincy, where Simon Berger entered upon a business career which continued for nearly half a century. He was at first a dealer in tallow, waste and furs. Later he was in the grocery trade, also a tobacco and cigar manufacturer, and then in the insurance business. His long and useful life came to an honored close on December 25, 1910, at the age of eighty-three. His wife died September 26, 1899.

Louis H. Berger grew up in Quincy and most of his early training was received from his talented and cultured mother. He also had other instruction, and he studied law under well known local attorneys, including the Hon. O. H. Browning, former attorney general and secretary of the interior under President Johnson, and also was a student with Jackson L. Grimshaw, one of the giants of the Illinois bar. With the inspiration of association with such men Mr. Berger rapidly mastered the principles of jurisprudence, and also gained a practical training as clerk and secretary to a firm of lawyers. He did this clerical work long before typewriters were introduced into law offices.

He was admitted to the bar September 6, 1876, at the age of twenty-one, and from that time forward was constantly busy with the work of a large general and corporation practice. His first legal case was a marine suit in the United States Courts. He was the first practicing member before the United States Supreme Court of Adams County bar. While he did not regard himself as a specialist in that line, he was undoubtedly one of the best informed patent lawyers in his part of the state. He argued many cases of importance before the Federal Courts of Appeals in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. Mr. Berger also served as city attorney and corporation counsel for Quincy, and was connected with many notable causes. Many cases he undertook without expectation of remuneration and as a matter of securing justice to the poorer classes. By appointment from the bench he acted as attorney for the defense of one Dan Porter, who was accused of murder in a case that was locally famous in the criminal trials of the county.

He was also known as the champion of good streets, and while he appeared little in politics he was rather proud, and his friends were likewise, of the fact that his only important political defeat came from putting to test, in the Supreme Court of Illinois, the validity of the Cow Ordinance. In early years he was active in various fraternities, but increasing professional responsibilities caused him to withdraw. Mr. Berger was a confirmed bachelor. He served for a number of years as trustee of the Jewish Temple of Quincy.

WILLIAM SCOTT GRAY. Many of the facts and incidents in the history of Honey Creek Township have been carefully and effectively presented in this publication by William Scott Gray of Coatsburg. Mr. Gray has lived in that community all his life and has been a keen observer of men and affairs, so that his qualifications as a historian are acknowledged by all. His own career has been a most useful one as an educator and later as business man, and the following paragraphs are meant as a record of his own life and the principal facts concerning his family.

Mr. Gray was born in Honey Creek Township on a farm adjoining Coatsburg on the north, February 15, 1853. His father, Richard Gray, was born on the Isle of Wight, England, January 27, 1815. The grandfather, Isaac Gray, was an English farmer and married Sarah Hawkins, of a noted family of ship builders at Portsmouth, England. Isaac Gray brought his family to the United States in 1830 and spent one year in New York and five years in Indiana before coming to Adams County. He was attracted to Western Illinois by some advertising literature which pictured Quincy as a coming town. He was one of a number of colonists who located in the county in 1836. His own home was established in section 36 of Honey Creek Township, adjoining the site later occupied by the Village of Coatsburg. This land was in the military tract granted the soldiers of the War of 1812 and he bought a hundred sixty acres for thirty dollars. The original owner paid thirty dollars an acre for this tract. Its only improvement was a log cabin. This old farm of Isaac Gray is now owned by his grandson, George H. Gray. Isaac Gray besides farming was a veterinary surgeon, probably the pioneer of that profession to practice in Adams County, and he frequently answered calls that took him twenty to thirty miles away from his home. Nevertheless he managed to develop his farm, and lived there in peace and independence until his death in 1855, at the age of sixty-eight. His widow remained on the old homestead until advanced years, and then spent her time with her son Richard and her daughter Lavinia until her death in 1884, at the age of ninety-two. She had lived in Adams County since 1836. Isaac Gray and wife were active in supporting and organizing schools, churches and other local institutions. They attended the Methodist Episcopal Church at Columbus, two and a half miles away from their home. The family of Isaac Gray consisted of the following children: Richard; Lavinia, who married Stephen Booth and lived in Gilmer township at the time of her death at the age of eighty-five; Caroline,



*William S. Gray*





who married Mr. Lynch and died in Iowa; William Wallace, who spent several years in the lead mine region of Wisconsin, but later returned to Gilmer Township and finally removed to Iroquois County, where he was a large land owner and where he died at the age of eighty-four; Isaac, who became a pioneer in Minnesota, was identified with the lumber industry, rafting logs from Stillwater, but spent his last days in Oregon, where he met an accidental death at the age of seventy-eight; Maria, who married a Mr. Elliott and died in young womanhood after the birth of one child; and George, who is the only survivor of this generation of the family and is the only one of his brothers and sisters born in the United States. He went out to California as a young man about 1856 and is living at Hydesville in that state at the age of eighty-six.

Richard Gray was fifteen years old when brought to this country and had just rounded out his majority when he came to Quincy. Before coming here he had cast a vote in support of the whig candidate in Indiana. After coming to Adams County he married Maria Hart, a native of Ohio. She died leaving two children: Albert H., who was a farmer near Coatsburg and died in 1916 at the age of seventy-two; and Mary M., who lives at Coatsburg, the widow of W. H. Henderson. For his second wife Richard Gray married Elizabeth (Reaugh) Bass, widow of John Bass. She was born in Kentucky, July 18, 1819, and came to Quincy with her parents, Matthew and Mary Reaugh, in 1832. Her parents located near Columbus and she grew to womanhood there and at the age of twenty married John Bass. They went to the lead mines of Wisconsin, where Mr. Bass died, after which she returned to Adams County. She and Richard Gray had been youthful sweethearts in Adams County, but when they married each had two children. The Bass children were: Frances J., who married A. W. Howell and she died in 1916 on a farm near Springfield, Missouri; and Caroline, whose sweetheart enlisted for service in the Union Army, and she died of typhoid fever at the close of the war, when twenty-one years of age. Richard Gray and his second wife had four sons: Zachary Taylor, who has never married and lives in Gray County, Kansas; Richard Monroe, who served as sheriff of Adams County in 1880-82, lived near Coatsburg until 1914, when he moved to Marion County, Missouri, and died there September 30, 1918; William Scott; and George H., who owns his father's old homestead at Coatsburg and also the farm of his grandfather Isaac.

Richard Gray though he was never inclined to office holding was honored with various places of local responsibility in the township. He was also a stockholder in the railroad company when it built the line through the Village of Coatsburg. He was one of the very active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Richard Gray died January 9, 1909, when nearly ninety-four years of age. He was at that time the oldest man in point of years and point of residence in Coatsburg. His character and good habits undoubtedly did much to prolong his life. He was always temperate, curbed his appetite, was mentally cautious, conservative, a safe counsellor and adviser and a very helpful type of man for the community. He began voting as a whig and later became a democrat, but on the whole was quite independent.

William Scott Gray during his youth enjoyed the advantages of the village schools at Coatsburg and also graduated from the Maplewood High School at Camp Point, later attending Abingdon College and the Illinois State Normal at Normal. This training supplemented the faculties of his good mind and prepared him for a successful career as a teacher. Mr. Gray was active in school work from the age of twenty until he was fifty, and all his service was rendered in Adams County. For twenty years he was principal of the Coatsburg Public School and for two years was principal at Mendon. Later he was republican candidate for county superintendent of schools, and after that he retired from school work. Mr. Gray is remembered by a great many of his former pupils not only for what he taught in the formal lines of instruction, but for the influence he constantly and carefully exercised in developing char-

acter, decision, and all those qualities that when projected into mature years makes a successful man or woman. He always sought to recognize as early as possible the strong qualities of his pupils, and encouraged them at every opportunity. It was for these high ideals as a school man that he became so greatly beloved among his pupils, and many now successful men acknowledge a great debt to him while he was their teacher. Mr. Gray for many years was active in institutes as an instructor. He is now serving as president of the High School Board of Adams County.

While teaching he had also become interested in the grain business at Coatsburg, and in 1906 he built the grain elevator there and operated it for ten years or more. In 1910 he also organized the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Coatsburg, but later sold this bank to the State Street Bank of Quincy. During the high tide of his activity as a grain merchant Mr. Gray shipped annually about 100,000 bushels of grain from Coatsburg. At present he enjoys the comforts of a good home adjoining the village. As a republican he has been active in local party circles and has been a delegate to various state conventions. He has refused to become a candidate for the Legislature, though his friends urged that nomination upon him. Mr. Gray is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has served as steward and trustee. He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America.

September 11, 1879, he married Miss Annie L. Gilliland, daughter of Dr. W. E. Gilliland. Doctor Gilliland, who died February 28, 1912, was an old and prominent practitioner at Coatsburg, and was born in Morgan County, Illinois, January 1, 1833. He had lived in Adams County from the spring of 1841. His parents were Kentuckians and came to Illinois in 1827. Doctor Gilliland studied medicine under John T. Gilmer and Dr. J. W. Bonney, and in 1869 entered the St. Louis Medical College, from which he graduated in 1870. From that time for a period of nearly forty years he was engaged in practice in Honey Creek Township. Doctor Gilliland married Miss Sarah Moyer, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1836. Mrs. Gray was the oldest of their five children, and was twenty-three at the time of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Gray have a family of four children, the youngest child, Russell, dying in infancy. Lillian is a graduate of the Illinois State Normal and of the University of Chicago and is now a successful teacher of English in the high school at Duluth, Minnesota. Edward E. is a graduate of Camp Point High School, the Gem City Business College, and is now in the lumber and grain business in Colorado. William Scott Gray, Jr., is a young man whose career has been followed with much interest by his old friends in Adams County. He is a graduate of the Maplewood High School of Camp Point, the Illinois State Normal, and has degrees from both the University of Chicago and Columbia University of New York. His scholastic degrees are Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy. He is now Dean of the College of Education of the University of Chicago, and reached that position at the age of thirty-one.

CHARLES E. BOWERS. The qualifications and experiences which have distinguished Charles E. Bowers among his fellows have been the possession of what amounts practically to genius in salesmanship. Mr. Bowers for a number of years represented as salesman and sales manager some of the largest farm implement manufacturing concerns in the United States, and sold agricultural machinery all over Illinois and other states. He has for a number of years been employing his skill and experience in a way that constitutes another important service, handling real estate, especially farm lands. His offices are in the State Bank Building at Quincy, but through his offices he transacts deals in farm lands over a wide territory, and has hundreds of satisfied clients.

Mr. Bowers represents an old Pennsylvania family of Franklin County, where his grandparents lived and died and where his parents, William and Harriet



(McLaughlin) Bowers, was born. Through his mother Mr. Bowers is eligible in the Sons of the American Revolution. Her grandfather was a soldier in the struggle for independence. All her brothers were soldiers in the Civil war, one of them losing his life in battle. William Bowers, his father, was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, about 1835 and his wife in 1842. They married in that county. William Bowers was a blacksmith, and during the three years he served an apprenticeship to that trade was paid only three dollars a month. He later owned a smithy and wagon shop of his own. In 1860 he brought his wife and two children to Illinois, and at Jacksonville established a shop. In 1865 he moved to Adams County, and giving up his trade he bought a farm in Mendon Township. He developed a good home, prospered by his farm enterprise, and in 1892 retired from the farm and spent his last years at Loraine, where he died in March, 1913. His wife passed away in April, 1903. Had he lived until May William Bowers would have been eighty-five years of age. He and his wife were very active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics he was an important figure in the democratic party for years. He served as township commissioner, and was honored with a number of offices in Mendon Township. He was also a Mason. The two children who were born in Pennsylvania and came west with their parents to Illinois were Ira W. and Mary A. In Jacksonville three other children were born, Charles E., Jennie and Laura. The youngest of the family, Belle, was born in Adams County. Four of these children are still living. Ira W. is a railroad man in the State of Washington, is married and has a son, Alva. Laura is unmarried and with a niece lives in Adams County. Belle is the wife of Severn Baker, a well known farmer in Lima Township of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have a daughter, Cleta, who holds a Government position in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Charles E. Bowers was born at Jacksonville, Illinois, July 1, 1864, and was too young to remember when the family came to Adams County. He grew up here, was educated in the schools of Mendon Township and Village, and his youthful experience gave him more practical knowledge of farming than he has ever applied. His natural inclinations led him into salesmanship, and his first work in that line was selling agricultural implements in Adams County. His success led to his promotion by the McCormick Harvester Company as manager, and eventually he was general manager for the Champion Harvester Company over most of Illinois and parts of Missouri and Indiana. He built up a large trade connection with retail dealers and with individual buyers throughout these three states. While selling agricultural implements he also gained a thorough knowledge of land values that stood him in good stead in 1908, when he entered the real estate business at Quincy, specializing in farm lands in Illinois and Missouri. He has a fine suite of offices in the Illinois State Bank Building.

He is a member of the Rotary Club of Quincy. At Quincy in 1898 Mr. Bowers married Mary Agnes Schwartz. She was born in Quincy in 1872, and finished her education in St. Mary's Academy. Her parents, Frank and Bridget (Morris) Schwartz, were a well known family of Quincy for many years. Her father was a native of Alsace and of French ancestry, was liberally educated and came to America in young manhood. He married his wife in this country. She was of Irish parentage. Both families were Catholics. Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz were members of St. Peters Catholic Church at Quincy. Frank Schwartz while a resident of Quincy had his business activities as a general farmer and stockman in the bottoms of the Mississippi Valley. He was a democrat in politics. In the Schwartz family were three sons and two daughters. One son, John, died after his marriage, while the two living sons are Riley and Henry Schwartz, the former married and is the father of a daughter. Mrs. Bowers' sister, Lillian, is the wife of John B. Ricker and has a family of one son and three daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowers have three children: Morris William, born in May, 1901, is a student in the Quincy High School. Marian Agnes, born in 1905, is attending St. Mary's Academy. Charles Elwood, born in April, 1909, is in the

St. Rose parochial school. Mrs. Bowers and her children are members of St. Rose Catholic Church, while Mr. Bowers retains the faith of his parents, that of the Methodist Church. In politics he is a democrat.

AUGUST SCHAFFER, of Fall Creek Township, has reached that venerable station in life from which he may survey fourscore years. Nearly sixty of these years have been spent in Adams County. Here he worked out his destiny, from that of a poor struggling youth to one of the leading farm owners. He has prospered, and has made his prosperity and his American citizenship subject to no qualification or doubt. Every one knows him as a man of most substantial character, and he is one of that type of Illinois farmers who have not only responded to all appeals to increase the productiveness of the soil, but have been equally liberal in supporting Liberty Bond issues and other war activities. Naturally quick witted and fairly well educated in his native language, Mr. Schaffer easily learned English, and his patriotic instincts have run true and deep ever since he came to this country.

He was born in Lippe Detmold, Germany, June 4, 1838. He came to Illinois in 1859. His cousin, William Schaffer, of a family elsewhere noted, had been in the county for several years. Two of his aunts were also living in Quincy, Mrs. Henry Hohnsteiner and Mrs. William Schmiedeskamp. August Schaffer had spent his early life on a farm in Germany, but from the age of fourteen worked in a brick yard. He had a few dollars when he landed at Quincy. Going out to Fall Creek Township, he visited with his cousin for two months, trying vainly to secure regular employment. After that he went to the vicinity of Galesburg and hired out at \$12 a month in harvest for two months. Later he cut broom corn at \$1 a day and board. Returning to Fall Creek Township, having spent only 50 cents while away, and with about \$50 saved up, he went to work for William Schmiedeskamp, who had the contract for building the first church at Bluff Hall. He was paid small wages and did heavy work driving teams, hauling logs and burning lime until the church was finished. Later he worked on the farm of Clark Chatton near the church and kept his services employed with various parties until he had accumulated about \$200. He then went to Hannibal, Missouri, attending a sale of Government horses captured from bushwhackers—this being during the period of the Civil war—and secured two good horses for \$90. After that he rented a farm in company with John Brockmeier for a year and lived with Mr. and Mrs. Brockmeier. There was a good wheat crop, and this sold for 90 cents a bushel. He next rented a farm on the hill.

In 1863 Mr. Schaffer married Minnie Schmiedeskamp, of Quincy, daughter of Fred Schmiedeskamp, a stone mason there. She was nineteen years of age at the time of her marriage. After the crop was sold Mr. Schaffer invested in some household equipment, chiefly a stove, cupboard, and other necessary articles.

It was not until 1876 that he bought his present farm. He had rented it for several years from Ed Seymour. His first purchase was 160 acres, going in debt for a portion of it. The land was not then in a condition for complete cultivation. Part of it was swamp, part of it sand ridge. He built a small house of logs in 1876, and that house is included in his present commodious dwelling. The land was covered with brush, there were several duck ponds, and he set to work to drain and fill it, continuing this labor until he had an excellent farm. He used his land chiefly to grow wheat, and one year had 300 acres in that crop. Later he bought more land, and today owns 241 acres less about twelve acres which he sold for the right of way of the Railroad and Power Company. Most of this land cost him only \$10 an acre, but its value largely represents his individual toil and management. Mr. Schaffer also served as road boss three or four years. He is a democrat and a member of the Bluff Hall Congregational Church.



Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer were married more than half a century before the union was terminated in the death of Mrs. Schaffer January 5, 1917. Nine children were born to them, and three daughters and one son are still living. The son Fred lives on his father's farm. Henry is a resident of Payson Township. William operates part of the home farm. He married Carrie Miller, daughter of Fred Miller, of Quincy, and has two children, Julius and Arthur. The daughter is Minnie, wife of Andrew Miller. One daughter, Lizzie M., married F. Smith and died leaving three children.

WILLIAM H. KAY spent his early years in Adams County, and has divided his time for many years between this county and the Southwest. His winter home is in Arizona, at Phoenix. His summer home is two miles south of Payson, on the old Grove homestead, one of the best farm properties in the county.

Mr. Kay was born near Keokuk, Iowa, June 17, 1861, son of Charles W. Kay. His father left Adams County about 1887 and went out to Phoenix, Arizona, and a few years later went on to Los Angeles, where he lived retired until his death. He was a rancher and fruit grower. His widow is still living in the West. Unusual success attended his efforts at improving homes, and his old home in Payson Township was just opposite the present place of his son William H. Kay.

William H. Kay was brought to Camp Point in infancy, and at the age of eight years his parents settled in Payson Township, where he grew to manhood. He is now the only member of the family still living in Adams County. He went out to Arizona with his father, and in company with his brother Frank took up general stock farming, fattening large numbers of cattle and hogs for the market. This business he continued until 1911. In 1898 he had bought out his brother, and thus acquired the sole management of extensive stock interests and a ranch aggregating 1,000 acres, devoted to grain, alfalfa and pasture. He imported a number of the finest males of the Poland China hogs. In 1911 he returned to Adams County.

December 14, 1893, he married Miss Maude J. Grove, a daughter of Isaac and Sarah R. (Tull) Grove, of one of the old and prominent families of Adams County. Her father died January 15, 1911, and her mother August 5, 1918. Mrs. Kay was the only child of her parents. Since 1911 Mr. and Mrs. Kay have been in active charge of the old Grove farm of 280 acres. The house was built by her father in 1886 and is one of the best country residences in the community. Mr. Grove's only sister, Miss Nancy Grove, had spent many years on the Grove farm and has since remained with Mrs. Kay. A cousin of Mr. Grove, Miss Anna Varner, of Newark, Ohio, is also a member of the household. Mr. and Mrs. Kay have no children of their own.

For the past seven years Mr. Kay has leased his Arizona land, but visits it each year and also spends some time in Los Angeles during the winter. He is a director in the National Bank of Arizona at Phoenix, and he served on the Arizona State Livestock Sanitary Board. He is a republican, while Mrs. Kay is a democrat. Mr. Kay has never filled any elective public positions. He and his wife are both liberal supporters of all church movements.

JACOB DICK, one of the original members of the old firm of Dick Brothers, brewers, was born in Rhine Foltz, Bavaria, October 9, 1834, and his parents spent all their lives in the old country. He was nineteen years of age when he came to America by way of New Orleans, and first located at Belleville, Illinois, and in 1857 came to Quincy. He soon afterwards entered the brewing business and was associated with his brothers Matthew and John, all of whom are now deceased. They built up one of the largest brewing establishments in the West. After the death of Jacob, which occurred December 22, 1876, the business was continued as Dick & Brothers Quincy Brewing Com-



pany, with John Dick as president, Matthew Dick superintendent, and Hermann as secretary and treasurer.

July 24, 1861, at Quincy, Jacob Dick married Margaret Redmond, who was born in that city October 1, 1840. Mrs. Dick was educated in a convent and for many years has been very active in everything for the benefit of the city and its people. She is a daughter of Hon. Thomas Redmond, who was born in Ireland about 1804 and came to the United States at the age of sixteen. He had a hard battle to establish himself on an independent footing. For a number of years he lived and worked in the New England states, and at Boston he married Mary Dunlevy, and they at once started for St. Louis. On July 3, 1837, they arrived in Quincy, where Thomas Redmond, without money or friends, worked with his hands to get a start. He was one of the contractors in building the Northern Cross Railroad, between Quincy and Clayton, and continued as a contractor for a number of years. He became wealthy and invested much capital in Quincy and nearby real estate. He was elected to the city council and was made mayor of Quincy in 1860. Altogether he served as alderman and mayor twenty-one years. In 1864 he was chosen to the state legislature. He was also a member of the County Board of Supervisors, and stood as one of the foremost citizens in point of ability, integrity and a broadminded philanthropy that made him friends of people of all classes. He died honored and respected December 20, 1878. He had survived his wife several years. They had a family of three sons and four daughters. The survivors are Mrs. Dick, her brother Thomas Redmond, Mrs. Frank Ricker and Mrs. Mollie Forgo.

Mrs. Dick has a son, August R. Dick, who is still living with his mother and is president of the Dick Brewing Company. He was educated in St. Francis College. Her daughter Anna is the widow of Jack Ellis. A third child, Catherine, became the wife of John C. Smith, who died leaving two children, Lieut. Lawrence D. Smith and Austin T. Smith.

FRANK J. OHNEMUS is recognized as one of the substantial fixtures in the agricultural and community life of Ellington Township. He has spent practically all his years there and is a prosperous farmer in section 16, where he operates 120 acres of land, well improved with buildings and other facilities, and raises abundant crops and good livestock.

Mr. Ohnemus has lived on that farm for twenty-three years. He was born in Ellington Township October 17, 1862, and received his education in the local schools. Farming has always been his business, and he has served as road commissioner, as director of the local schools, and at present is an election judge.

His parents are John George and Mary A. (Ohnemus) Ohnemus, both natives of Germany and of old Catholic stock. Though of the same family name they were not related. They came by sailing vessel and through New Orleans to Quincy, and were married in this county August 15, 1855. John George Ohnemus afterward bought 160 acres of the old Ubanks farm in section 21 of Ellington Township, and there lived for more than thirty-five years. He had lived on and rented the Henry Kemp farm for twenty-two years. John George Ohnemus is one of the oldest and best known residents of Ellington Township, and was eighty-six years of age on February 11, 1918. He and his wife lived together fifty years. She died September 7, 1905. They were married in St. Boniface Catholic Church at Quincy, and later for many years were members of St. Francis Parish. Frank J. Ohnemus is one of fifteen children. Two died in infancy. One daughter, Theresa, died after her marriage, leaving children. The other twelve are still living, three sons and two daughters being unmarried.

Frank J. Ohnemus married in Melrose Township November 11, 1891, Miss Catherine Dittmeyer. She was born in this county in 1867 and attended the

St. Anthony Parish School. Her parents were John and Wauburg (Hellstern) Dittmeyer. Her father was born in Pennsylvania and her mother in Wuertemberg, Germany, being brought to this country when eight years of age. Her father came to Melrose Township when a small boy with his parents from Pennsylvania. John Dittmeyer and wife were married in St. Anthony Catholic Church fifty-five years ago. They started out as farmers in Melrose Township, and Mrs. Ohnemus' father died there in March, 1908, at the age of sixty-three. His widow now lives with her daughter, Mrs. George Geiger, in Quincy and is seventy-one years of age. They were long and faithful members of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Mrs. Ohnemus was one of ten children, seven of whom are living, and all married.

Mr. and Mrs. Ohnemus have five children: Alvena, Cornelia, Frank, Genevieve and Florence. The three older have attended the home schools. Genevieve is now a student in the high school and Florence is in the seventh grade. The family are all members of St. Francis Church, the children having been confirmed there. Mr. Ohnemus is a democrat in politics.

DAVID TIPPLE, whose home is one of the best farms of Fall Creek Township, located in section 12, fourteen miles southeast of Quincy, has been a resident of Adams County many years and is farming land that has special interest in connection with one of the oldest families of this county.

Mrs. David Tipple is a descendant of the pioneer William Thompson, who was born in Greene County, Pennsylvania, in 1789 and when eight years of age went to Athens County, Ohio, with his parents. He married Rachel Pilcher, and in 1833 they came to Illinois, down the Ohio River and up the Mississippi, locating in what is now Fall Creek Township, some of this land being included in the present David Tipple farm. William Thompson lived there until his death August 24, 1880, at the age of ninety-one. It will be noticed his life was lived under every president of the United States up to 1880. He was born about the time Washington was inaugurated. After the formation of that party he became a stanch republican. William Thompson's wife died of cholera. Several of their children died of the same epidemic, as did also his brother's wife. In 1852 William Thompson married Eliza Graham, whose maiden name was Noel. She was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and at the age of seventeen went with an aunt, Mrs. Richard Wilton, who settled in Payson Township of this county. The Wilton family cleared up a farm and built a brick house two miles south of Payson. That was all first brick dwelling in that vicinity. Their first home on coming West was in Schuyler County, Illinois.

Eliza Noel married in Schuyler County William Graham. After his death she returned to the Wilton home and remained there until her marriage to William Thompson. She had three sons by her first husband, James, Henry and William Graham. James spent his life with his mother and died at the age of fifty-eight, unmarried. Henry was all through the Civil war and for twenty years or more was a merchant at Hannibal, Missouri, but finally retired to California, where he died. William was a soldier in the Fiftieth Illinois Infantry from Adams County, and later was a druggist at Middletown, Missouri, where he died.

Eliza Graham Thompson died at the old Thompson home in 1897, when about eighty years of age. She was the mother of two daughters, Esther and Dora. Esther became the wife of Ed White, a merchant of Pittsfield, Illinois. She was a successful teacher in Adams County for about twenty-five years, being connected with the public schools at Camp Point and Payson, and also with a business college in Quincy. She taught until her marriage in 1918, and her work entitled her to special honorable mention among the educators of Adams County.

Dora Thompson was born October 31, 1853, and on October 12, 1880, mar-



ried David Tipple. Mr. Tipple was born in Wisconsin April 9, 1858. His father died before the birth of his son. At the close of the war David accompanied his mother to Missouri, making that journey with her parents, George and Rebecca Morrison, who came originally from Pennsylvania. The Morrisons settled in Marion County, Missouri. Mr. Tipple's mother married for her second husband Edwin Russell, and they afterwards came to Fall Creek Township of Adams County. David Tipple grew to manhood here, attended the local schools, and also spent some time with his mother in Missouri. At the age of seventeen he returned to Adams County, and was a farmer at different places until his marriage. He then took charge of the old Thompson place of 120 acres. Eighty acres of this land was inherited by Dora Thompson and her sister, and later Mr. and Mrs. Tipple acquired another eighty acres in the Thompson homestead, giving them a fine farm of 160 acres. The present substantial house was erected by Mrs. Tipple's father. Mr. Tipple has operated this farm for thirty-five years, and has been unusually successful.

Mr. and Mrs. Tipple have two daughters. Florence was a teacher in Adams County until her marriage to Robert Edmonds. They now live at Knoxville, Illinois. Ruth, who taught five years at Barry in Pike County, is now the wife of T. J. McVay, of Barry. She graduated from Knox College with the class of 1911, and her sister was also a student in the same school. Both were graduates of the Payson High School. Mr. and Mrs. Tipple are members of the Payson Methodist Episcopal Church.

**JOHN SHARP FRASER.** One of the oldest farm homes and one that has been most constantly identified with the associations of one family is the Oakland Farm, now the home of John Sharp Fraser. He is of the third generation of the Fraser family in Adams County, and the name has been one of honorable distinction here for more than three-quarters of a century.

As the name indicates the Frasers are Scotch. In every nook and corner of the wide world the traveler finds the Scotchman or his descendants. The Scotchman, like his land, is many sided. A small country, a poor country, a little nation, yet the doings of the Scotch fill a large page in history and of which they need not be ashamed when placed in comparison with any other people. To America Scotland gave a body of citizens whose priceless value can not be reckoned and who has made such an impress upon our history that any of our citizens are proud to claim Scotch or Scotch-Irish blood.

Mr. John Sharp Fraser was born on this old homestead March 21, 1871. He was the younger of two children of Robert Carrick and Fredericka (Stilker) Fraser. His only sister, Margaret Elizabeth, also lives on the old farm. She was well educated in the schools of the country, and is very active and prominent in the Good Shepherd Cathedral of the Episcopal Church at Quincy. She is a member of the Altar Guild and is prominent in the Red Cross and other social functions.

Robert C. Fraser, the father, was born in New York City October 14, 1825, and was twelve years of age when his father, John Sharp Fraser, came to Adams County. That was in a day before railroads, and the journey westward was made over the Erie Canal, down the Ohio River, up the Mississippi to St. Louis and Quincy. John Sharp Fraser bought land in Ellington Township and the first home there was a log cabin. Robert Carrick Fraser during his long and active career as a farmer accumulated 180 acres in Ellington Township. He was well educated both in the old country schools and in the select school for boys and young men. As a man of affairs he devoted himself to business and was never an aspirant for office. He began voting as a whig but was a republican from the time of the first campaign of the party in 1856. He was a great admirer of Lincoln. In church affairs he was a member of the Episcopal Church. He several times returned to the city of his birth, New York. He was a man whose honesty of purpose went unquestioned and who made his life count for a great deal in Adams County. Robert Fraser







HENRY G. ECHTERNKAMP

died September 25, 1912, at the venerable age of eighty-seven. He was laid to rest in the Woodland Cemetery, in the family lot of the Frasers.

His wife, Frederika Stilker, was born in Germany and was a very small girl when her parents came to the United States and settled at Quincy. She was reared in Adams County and acquired a knowledge of both English and German tongues. She was a member of the Lutheran Church. Her death occurred May 19, 1877. Many of the older residents as well as her family still remember her for her fine character and the many contributions she made to the happiness and welfare of those around her.

John Sharp Fraser has always been a resident of Adams County, and acquired a good education both in the common schools and the school of experience. He has steadily devoted himself to the business of agriculture for a quarter of a century and is now the responsible head of the old farm in Ellington Township. The first family home here was built in 1840, succeeding the old log cabin, was remodeled in 1863, and from time to time improvements and additions have been made until it is now worthy to stand with the best country homes in the county. The original building was erected by his grandfather, John Sharp Fraser. At the present time the Fraser home has such modern conveniences as hot water heating, acetylene lights, telephone, rural route delivery and many conveniences which even residents in cities would not have expected half a century ago.

December 29, 1897, Mr. Fraser married Miss Alice Cuthbert Smyth. They have a daughter, Elizabeth, who has just entered the kindergarten school. Mrs. Fraser was born March 9, 1873, fourth in a family of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, of William and Barbara (Wray) Smyth. Mrs. Fraser is a sister of Mrs. Robert McIntyre. Several other members of the Smyth family are living in Adams County. Her father, William Smyth, was born near Londonderry, Ireland, in 1825, and died in Adams County January 17, 1906. He was a resident of Adams County from the age of fifteen, and as a farmer developed one of the excellent homesteads in Melrose Township. He was also a man of affairs, serving officially in many capacities. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church, and both are laid to rest in the Woodland Cemetery.

Mrs. Fraser was born in Melrose Township, grew up there and attended common schools and is a graduate of the Quincy High School with the class of 1893. For two years she did some successful work as a teacher in Ursa Township. Mrs. Fraser is active in the Red Cross, the Round Table Club at Quincy, and she and her husband are members of the Episcopal Church. She has played a worthy part with her husband in establishing and maintaining their present fine home.

As a republican Mr. Fraser cast his first presidential vote for Benjamin Harrison. He has been a delegate to county conventions and has served as a director of his home school district since he was twenty-one years of age. While very industrious and busy farming people, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser have used their means judiciously to promote their own happiness and a broader knowledge of the world and the country they live in. In 1897, as the wedding tour, they went to Niagara Falls. In 1917, accompanied by Miss Margaret Fraser, they toured to the Pacific Coast, visiting Los Angeles, San Francisco, Pasadena and Salt Lake City, bringing back with them many sights and charms of the far West. They went West over the Santa Fe and returned by the Union Pacific, including a visit through the Royal Gorge and other Colorado points.

HENRY G. ECHTERNKAMP. With the death of Henry G. Echternkamp on July 16, 1918, a large and numerous community in the southern part of Adams County felt the loss of one of their best friends and fellow citizens. He was a man of first rate abilities, strong and resourceful in business affairs, upright



and the soul of honesty in all that concerned his relations with the public, and he fully earned and merited every measure of respect and esteem paid him.

He was widely known as Justice Echternkamp, having filled the office of justice for a number of years. He was also a fraternity member and a Christian church man. As a public official his constant counsel to litigants was to get together, and in a friendly review of the questions involved most contentions brought before him were amicably solved, thereby neighborly feeling promoted. He had a host of friends throughout the county and few men enjoyed a wider acquaintance and none had warmer and stancher friends.

He was born in Fall Creek Township February 10, 1857, a son of the late Frederick William Echternkamp, whose life has been fully reviewed on other pages. On April 15, 1883, Henry G. Echternkamp married Maria M. Kaiser, oldest daughter of Fred and Anna Kaiser, of Fall Creek Township. A brief sketch of her father follows. Mrs. Echternkamp was born two miles east of Marblehead in Fall Creek Township December 21, 1862. At the time of his marriage Henry Echternkamp took over his father's farm, generally known as the Chatten farm. The house still there was standing when he took possession, and he built a good barn. Mr. Echternkamp had served twenty-five years as a justice of the peace and continuously except for one term.

In a business way besides farming he was widely known over the county as a practical thresherman. He conducted a threshing outfit for fifteen years. He wore out three outfits, and each one was a large advance in mechanical efficiency over the preceding. The final outfit comprised not only the usual grain separator but also a clover huller and fodder shredder. He also used three engines during his threshing experience. He was an expert in all lines of machinery, and equally capable in handling the details of his farm. Justice Echternkamp was a large man both physically and mentally and it is not difficult to understand the influence he exercised in all community affairs. He was a faithful member of the Bluff Hall Congregational Church, and was affiliated with Marblehead Lodge of Odd Fellows. Some of his lodge brothers were pall bearers in carrying him to his last resting place.

He and his wife had eight children, three of whom died in infancy. Matilda, the oldest of those now living, is the wife of Fred Wollbrink, a farmer in Fall Creek Township. They have two children, Henry and Esther. William is now a resident in the State of Washington. Lora married John J. Smith. Mr. Smith operates the home farm, having been an employe of Justice Echternkamp for a number of years, both as a farm hand and thresherman. The two younger children, still at home, are Anna and Minnie.

FRED CHRISTIAN KAISER, one of the well remembered old timers of Fall Creek Township, was born February 20, 1832, in Prussia, Germany. He came to America when a young man and at Quincy October 24, 1860, married Anna M. Struck.

She was born September 24, 1837, in Schleswig Holstein, Germany, and was a young woman when in 1852 she came to the United States. Her parents were Amos and Elsa Struck, who located in Quincy about 1857. Her brother John had come to Adams County in 1852, and her sister Katherine, who married Jacob Herleman, was here in 1855. Her brother Henry is still living in Quincy. Amos Struck died in 1863 and his wife in 1881.

The day after his marriage Fred Kaiser and his wife located on a farm in the north part of Fall Creek Township. They lived there over nineteen years, and in 1880 moved to the farm of 291 acres which is still known as the Kaiser homestead. A hundred sixty acres of this is bottom land. Mr. Kaiser put up all the buildings and other improvements, and he also owned land in Missouri.

Fred C. Kaiser died February 7, 1896. He was a member of the Bluff Hall Lutheran Church, a democrat, and served as road commissioner, and was in all respects a model citizen.

Brief reference to the children of Fred C. Kaiser and wife is as follows:

Henry; Maria M., widow of Henry G. Echterkamp; Catherine, wife of J. M. Wilson, a resident of Quincy and a railway mail clerk; Margaret, widow of Fred Adams, of Quincy; Elizabeth, who died at the age of thirteen; Fred, who lives in Saskatchewan, Canada; and William H., who was born in 1881 and has always made his home on the Kaiser farm, living there with his mother.

**THEODORE A. MIDDENDORF.** As former president of the Middendorf Brothers & Company Lumber Company, Theodore A. Middendorf occupied a prominent place in the business affairs of Quincy. This business was started in a small way many years ago and through enterprise and business acumen has been developed into a concern that commands a very wide trade territory at Quincy and environs and up and down the river. It has always remained in the Middendorf family. At the beginning of the past war Theodore A. Middendorf, on account of two of his sons going to war, severed his connection with the Middendorf Brothers and Company Quincy yard and in partnership with his sons bought out the branch yard of the firm at Ursa, Illinois. This is conducted at present under the name of the Ursa Lumber and Coal Company. Mr. Middendorf is acting as president. Associated with him are his sons Leo H. as vice president and Theodore W. as secretary-treasurer and general manager.

Theodore Middendorf was born at Quincy, January 8, 1860. His parents, Bernard H. and Elizabeth (Jelsing) Middendorf, were born in Germany and came to the United States in 1840 and to Quincy in 1849. Here the father died in 1888, having been prosperous in the grocery business for many years and active and useful in the upbuilding of many enterprises here.

Theodore Middendorf was mainly educated in St. Francis College, now Quincy College and Seminary. When he started out to be an independent worker and self-supporting he entered the employ of Dickhut Brothers, and remained four years in their lumber yard and sawmill. He was then twenty-two years old, and for two more years was associated with his brother, William H. Middendorf, now president of the Broadway Bank, in the grocery business. In 1884 he embarked in a lumber business and for twenty-five years was so engaged on the corner of Tenth Street and Broadway, Quincy, and then sold out. At a later date a new family partnership was formed and the plant was removed to the corner of Seventeenth and Spring streets. The present firm is composed of the two Middendorf brothers, William H. and Henry B. together with a son of William H. Middendorf and Walter Bernsen. The scope of the business covers lumber and building materials.

Theodore Middendorf was married November 29, 1888, to Miss Elizabeth S. Bernsen, whose parents, John B. and Mary (Timpe) Bernsen, are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Middendorf have five children, namely: Francis, who is a priest belonging to the Franciscan Order, doing missionary work among the Indians in Upper Wisconsin; Theodore W., who is secretary and manager of the Ursa Lumber and Coal Company; Leo H., who is vice president of the same company; Roger A., who is still with the army in France; and Frank, who is attending college. The whole family belongs to St. Francis Roman Catholic Church, and the needs of the parish are matters of which they take generous cognizance. The comfortable family home is at No. 530 North Eighteenth Street, Quincy. Mr. Middendorf belongs to the St. Francis Society, and he is a member also of the Third Order of St. Francis and of the St. Aloysius Orphan Society. He is a man of generous impulses, and benevolent movements of all kinds claim his interest and when his judgment approves he willingly gives to ease suffering.

**EDWARD A. MOLLENHAUER** is a practical farmer, but is also recognized as an all around business man and a very capable and public spirited factor in the life and affairs of Quincy and Adams County. He still owns and looks after his fine farm in Gilmer Township, but for several years has lived retired in Quincy and is connected with a number of business interests there.

Both his grandfather and father were born in the Kingdom of Hanover.



His father, Henry G. Mollenhauer, was born October 2, 1821. The grandfather was a Hanoverian farmer. In 1835 the family took passage on a sailing vessel at Bremerhaven, Germany, and after six weeks landed at New York. From there they came on to Quincy, which was then merely a river town and dependent entirely upon the river for its communications with the outside world. The Mollenhauer family settled in Burton Township, where they undertook the reclamation and clearing up of a tract of wild Government land. The grandmother died on this old farm, and the grandfather retired to Quincy, and he died at the home of his only daughter in Missouri when past seventy years of age. He was known among the pioneers as a hard working and industrious citizen and was faithful as a member of the Lutheran Church. He had three children, Henry G., Augusta and John. Augusta married Fred Feigenspan, and both died in Missouri. John married and died in Adams County, leaving a family of sons and daughters.

After the death of his father Henry G. Mollenhauer took over the old homestead of 105 acres, and later increased it by the purchase of another thirty-five acres. He lived there many years, and in 1899 retired to Quincy, where he died May 7, 1911. He was an exceptionally good farmer, a broad minded and public spirited citizen, and in politics interested himself in the democratic party and the affairs of his township, holding several local offices. For six terms, eighteen years, he was road commissioner of Burton Township. He married in that township Louisa Glaeser. She was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1822, and when she was seven years of age her parents came to the United States and settled on a tract of wild land in Columbus Township of Adams County. Her parents spent the rest of their lives in that township, and passed away in advanced years. They were also members of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Louisa Mollenhauer was the oldest of four children. One died young. Her brother, Jacob, is a farmer in Columbus Township and has sons and daughters. Her sister, Elizabeth, is the wife of Louis Wilkie, a retired farmer at the Village of Columbus. Mrs. Henry G. Mollenhauer is still living, at the age of seventy-five. She was the mother of eight children. Her son John died at the age of forty years, leaving three children: Lillie, Carl and Joy. Matilda Mollenhauer married Charles Hyer, and they live on a farm near Paloma, and have three children, Nellie, Alma and Roy. Louis Mollenhauer is a farmer in Lewis County, Missouri, and has two daughters, Anna and Iva. Lydia lives at Pueblo, Colorado, widow of Charles Kleinschmidt, and has two daughters, Edna and Lila. The next in age is Edward A. Mollenhauer. His younger sister, Amelia, is the wife of Henry Kleinschmidt and lives on a farm near Chillicothe, Missouri. They have children named Walter, Linnie and Lyda, a twin, her sister dying in infancy. George Mollenhauer was educated in the local schools, as were his brothers and sisters, and is also a graduate of the Gem City Business College and is now successfully farming in Burton Township. He is married and has children named Lewis, Howard and Harold, twins, and Virgil. Mollie, the youngest of the family, is the wife of Albert Kuhn, of Burton Township, and they have a son, Loren.

Edward A. Mollenhauer was born on the old homestead in Burton Township February 24, 1872. He grew up there, attended the public schools, and remained at home assisting his father in the farm work to the age of twenty-one. Later he farmed for himself and established his own home by his marriage in Gilmer Township to Lydia Theisen. She was born in that township September 3, 1876, and was reared and educated there. Mr. and Mrs. Mollenhauer have one daughter, Daisy, born April 19, 1898. She graduated from the Quincy High School with the class of 1916, spent one year in Carthage College, and finished a course in the Gem City Business College in 1917. For a time she was employed in the Gem City College, and is now a stenographer in the local office of the Standard Oil Company. She is also continuing her studies in music.

After his marriage Mr. Mollenhauer was a farmer in Camp Point Township, and in 1904 made his first purchase of land, 160 acres. It was an improved farm,



but since he took charge he has greatly advanced the improvements and raised the efficiency and value of the farm many per cent. The farm is improved with a good ten-room house, stock and grain barns, and he himself built one of the barns in 1911. Mr. Mollenhauer has also bought several other farms, and after improving them has sold them at a nice profit. In 1912 he left the farm and came to Quincy, where he owns a comfortable home at 2432 Broadway. He is still active in looking after his interests, and is also handling outside property for the State Street Bank of Quincy. He is a democrat, a member of the election board, and is also on the registration board, and was a school director in Gilmer Township for three terms. He and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is Sunday school superintendent and teacher and has been president of the City Sunday School Association.

GEORGE J. FLESNER has spent his life quietly but with a record of real achievement and accomplishment as a prosperous and progressive farmer in Northeast Township, and is one of the very able and influential men of that section of Adams County.

He was born in the township on January 29, 1860. His father, John H. Flesner, was born in Germany, came to Adams County when a young man and secured forty acres in Northeast Township. Later he also owned a farm of 120 acres in Clayton Township. He died September 6, 1914, at the advanced age of eighty-eight. He was twice married. By his first wife he had children named Henry, John, Annie and George. He married for his second wife Adelina Heineke, who was born in Adams County. She became the mother of two daughters, Marie and Helena. John H. Flesner was a democrat in politics and a member of the Lutheran Church.

George J. Flesner grew up on his father's homestead farm, was educated in the local schools, and has been making his own way in the world for forty years or more. The results of his experience and hard work has substantial evidence in the farm of 240 acres he owns in Northeast Township. He devotes his time to general crops and livestock, and has done much to improve it with buildings and other facilities. Mr. Flesner is a democrat and a member of the Lutheran Church.

In 1883 he married Miss Kate Bruns, who was born in this county, daughter of Ehm Bruns, one of the early settlers. His death occurred May 31, 1876, at the age of fifty-one years. Mr. and Mrs. Flesner have five children: Mrs. Catherine Totsch, Mrs. Anna Aden, Ehmes Flesner, Mrs. Marie Gronewold and Lewis Flesner. All except the youngest are married and in homes of their own.

DANIEL SHANK. It would be appropriate to describe the career of this well known retired resident of Clayton as a life of steadfast faith in the rulings of an all wise providence, a high purpose and unremitting industry. The results achieved may well speak for themselves. One achievement alone, as the distributor or the man who put before the public the Missing Link apple, the creator being unknown, would give him a permanent place in the history of American horticulture.

Daniel Shank was born in Brown County, Illinois, six miles east of Clayton, September 10, 1845. He is a son of William and Julia Emeline (McCord) Shank. His father was born near New Salem, Virginia, and his mother in Tennessee. William's family went to Ohio when he was six years old, and later moved to Indiana, where the McCord family had already settled. They were married in Johnson County, Indiana. The Shanks were of old Pennsylvania Dutch lineage while the McCords were Irish. Julia McCord's father was a typical Irishman. William Shank and wife were married in 1842, and the following September he came to Brown County, Illinois, driving over the roads and trails of that day accompanied by one child. He had two sisters living in Illinois, and a brother Jacob came about the same time. Jacob is still living in Schuyler County. Both William and Jacob Shank served all through the Civil

war, fighting side by side in Company E of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Illinois Infantry. All these people first settled in Brown County. The three sisters afterward came to Adams County. Maria married Daniel Roberts and lived at Clayton from 1859, where they died in old age. Two of their grandchildren are their only descendants. Anna married John Lomax, and from Brown County they moved to Clayton during the '50s, and in 1859 went to LaClede, Missouri. The Lomax family were intimate with the family of Gen. John J. Pershing. Three of the Lomax sons are still at LaClede. Sarah married Abraham Stover and moved to Brown County, Illinois. They raised a large family now scattered over various places in Illinois and Kansas.

William Shank lived in Brown County until 1884, when he moved to Clayton, and was retired there until his death in 1906. He was a very religious man, and had the deep respect of a large community. He was in his eighty-fifth year when he died. His wife, Julia Emeline, passed away in 1888, at the age of sixty-four. They were the parents of seven sons and two daughters. John served all through the Civil war in Company B of the Fiftieth Illinois Infantry, and is still living at Mount Sterling, Illinois. The second in age is Daniel. James was at one time a farmer in Brown County but for a number of years has lived at Granby, Missouri. William Henry is a minister of the Baptist Church, served at one time as pastor at Pittsfield, Illinois, and is now connected with the church at Claremore, Oklahoma. Lydia, now occupying the old home of her father at Clayton, is the widow of D. M. Crowder, of Bethany, Illinois, who died in 1906. Sarah Emily was first married to Mitchell Alexander and is now the wife of Daniel F. Eyman, of Schuyler, Illinois. Jacob F. died at Claremore, Oklahoma, where his widow is still living. Charles Edwin is a gardener and florist at Clayton, Illinois. Stewart Thomas married Laura Curry, of Clayton, and died at Diamond, Missouri.

Mr. Daniel Shank grew up on the home farm in Brown County and made good use of his educational advantages, so that for one winter term he himself was a teacher. His early ambition was to become a nurseryman. His father was a skilled fruit grower, and had a more than ordinary knowledge of the science of grafting when that art was not so well known as it is today. His early duties required much handling of horses, and he early became an expert driver of horses and mules and oxen. In fact he mastered all branches of farm work. His father was about forty-three years of age when he went into the army, and the son was prevailed upon to run the home farm for three years during his absence.

While his father was in the army Daniel Shank on June 9, 1864, married Catherine Hazletine Judson Merritt, a neighbor girl of his own age. She died in 1885 in Brown County on the home farm. During those busy and vigorous years Mr. Shank cleared off about 400 acres of fine white oak land, converting the timber into railroad ties. He bought considerable tracts of standing timber and also frequently the land itself. He possessed a true lumberman's skill at estimating how many ties a certain tract of stumpage would make. He frequently worked as many as twenty men in cutting and hewing ties. His parents were always much opposed to what they regarded as wholesale destruction of good timber. Out of these operations Mr. Shank secured about 310 acres of land and converted it into a farm. In 1881 on his farm he established his first nursery. The business grew so that he felt obliged to get better railroad facilities, and in 1888 he came to Clayton and bought twenty acres, one tract of eight acres and the other of twelve acres. He set this to smaller nursery stock. Later he paid \$40 an acre for another twenty acres and in 1918 this was sold for \$266.66 an acre. The land had been set to an apple orchard, with berries between the rows of trees. The berries were very productive in their time and the apple orchard is now a most valuable one. At the same time Mr. Shank was growing nursery stock, and in the course of years he had built up a business worth \$20,000 annually. He employed from eight to ten men the year around, from twenty to thirty during packing seasons, and in the



height of the berry season there were from thirty to fifty pickers at work. He also varied this industry by growing vegetables, and engaged extensively in the canning industry. In 1892 he sold his nursery to his sons and the following five years he was in the furniture business. He then bought back an interest in the nursery, and gave most of his time to the canning feature of the business. He early learned that it was unprofitable to keep a given tract of land in successive nursery stock, since the land required a rest of about two years after the young trees were removed. This interval he made profitable by the growing of tomatoes, and has had as high as forty acres in that crop and has contracted with neighboring growers for all they could produce.

A number of years ago a groceryman named John Spangler at Rushville called Mr. Shank's attention to a seedling apple, and asked him to grow some of the trees. He made his first experiments in grafting from this seedling at Rushville in 1886. In 1888 he set a row of the trees, and when they came into bearing he discovered that he had one of the hardest and most prolific apples known. John Spangler sold all these trees that he could grow for a number of years, and the apple is today the leader in sales from the Missing Link apple orchard. It has no equal as a cross polenizer, and is very superior as an excellent keeper. Mr. Shank has exhibited quantities of this apple when eighteen months old. He named it the "Missing Link" apple. It has some resemblance to the Willow Twig and the Minckler, but its qualities are far superior to either. Some horticulturists have persisted in passing it as a Willow Twig, and yielded their prejudices only after being convinced of its great difference in individuality of tree and flower and in the remarkable keeping qualities of the fruit. It has required tenacity and a dogged determination on the part of Mr. Shank to give this peculiar apple its proper place in horticultural production, and convince the doubters of its merits. About 1914 Mr. Shank retired, turning his interests over to his sons, and still owns all his farms and orchards. The only public office Mr. Shank has ever held was a term as justice of the peace. He is a republican voter. He now enjoys the comforts of a good home at Clayton.

For his second wife he married in 1887 Amanda Jane Smith, of Brown County. By his first marriage there were eight children: Maggie Elizabeth, the oldest, married Philip Alexander. They moved to one of her father's farms in Newton County, Missouri, where she died and where her husband passed away about five years later. Of their five children one son, Charles, is now a farmer near Camp Point in Adams County. Susan Emma, the second child of Mr. Shank, is the widow of Samuel Fenstermaker and lives at Jacksonville, Illinois. William O. Shank is a graduate of the Rochester Theological Seminary, and as a Baptist minister served four years at Portland, Oregon, and six years at Winfield, Kansas, being called to the pulpit at Winfield without even a trial sermon. He was pastor of the Central Baptist Church at Quincy when he entered Young Men's Christian Association work in France, having the supervision of twelve cantonments. His wife lives in Quincy. Her maiden name was Ardella Hamilton and they have five children. Ellen Mabel Shank was married to Lewis Ulmer, and since 1893 they have lived in Chicago, where Mr. Ulmer is an employe of the Chicago postoffice. George Albert Shank, born February 3, 1872, was a member of the nursery company until his death June 27, 1915. He married Hattie Byrns, of Brown County, daughter of Dr. George Byrns. She is now Mrs. C. H. Nethercutt. George A. Shank left one son, Lyle Albert. John M. Shank, born June 9, 1873, died August 4, 1913. He was a third owner in the nursery. He married Josephine Cain, daughter of Dr. Milton Cain, of Lewistown, Illinois. He left two children, Herbert Milton and Margaret. Mrs. Josephine Shank still retains an interest in the nursery business. Her husband was an advanced member of the Masonic Order and at one time was president of the School Board of Clayton. Both have been active in the Christian Church. Henry Shank is now active successor to his father as manager of the nursery company. He married



Ruth Cain, a sister of his brother John's wife, and they have two sons, Harold and Wallace. Louis C. Shank is also connected with the business. Louis C. married Mayme Omer, daughter of Alex Omer, of Clayton Township, and they have two children, Maxine and Lewis Omer.

Mr. Shank by his present wife had two daughters, Allene M. and Laurel Edna. Allene is the wife of Ray M. Curry, a farmer two miles north of Clayton. They have two children, Dorothy Edna and John Allen. Laurel E. is a graduate of the Clayton High School, attended Lombard University at Galesburg, and for the past four years has been a teacher in the Clayton schools.

Mr. Daniel Shank has been a member of the Baptist Church since he was ten years old and has been a teacher in the Sunday school since the age of sixteen. For thirty years he has taught the Men's Bible class, and still gives his time every Sunday to that work. For many years he has donated a gospel tithe of his income to church and philanthropy, and did that even when deeply in debt. He considers this to have been the key to his success in life. Mr. Shank is a close Bible student, and believes that the principles of the Christian religion are the only safe and consistent rule of life. While he has never cared for the honors of public office, he has been deeply allied to public improvement, and again and again has extended financial and moral assistance to every undertaking for the general good.

WILLIS COOK was a successful farmer before he became an even more successful business man, and his interests today are still closely connected with the agricultural industry. Mr. Cook is associated with other men, especially Charles C. Lawless, at Paloma, where they do an extensive business as grain and stock dealers, cattle feeders and farmers.

The Cook family has been in Adams County more than seventy years. Various members have taken an active part in different communities, at Quincy, in Ellington and Burton townships and elsewhere. Willis Cook was born in Burton Township October 17, 1875, a son of Reynard and Margaret (Powell) Cook. Reynard Cook was born at London, England, August 24, 1838. At the age of eight years he was brought to the United States by his parents, John and Ann (Reynard) Cook. His parents died in Ellington Township and were buried in the Woodland Cemetery. John Cook died suddenly from heart trouble. As a boy Reynard learned the trade of machinist at Quincy, and just before the Civil war broke out he was living at Galena, Illinois. He rode from that Mississippi River town into Wisconsin and organized a company of volunteers to serve in an infantry regiment. He was commissioned captain and was with his command until discharged on account of sickness. After recovering he returned to the army and resumed his commission and rendered a gallant and faithful service until the close of hostilities. He was in the Mississippi River campaign at Island No. 10 and in a number of other engagements.

Soon after the war Captain Cook returned to Adams County, resumed his trade as a machinist, and in Ellington Township married Miss Powell, who was reared there, daughter of John and Mary (Lewis) Powell. Mrs. Reynard Cook was born on the old Powell farm four miles northeast of Quincy and was eighteen when she married. After five or six years of work at his trade in Quincy Reynard Cook in company with his brother James established a wagon shop. A little later both of them took farms in Burton Township, and Reynard Cook applied himself industriously to the business of farming for about twenty years. He was then made postmaster at the Soldiers' Home near Quincy and served about eight years in that office under Commandant Summerville until the latter's death. He then lived retired at his old home at 1331 North Sixth Street until his death May 30, 1917. Though he lived a long and useful life, he had suffered much from illness dating back to the time of the Civil war. He kept his health through much outdoor activity and in his later years spent much of his time in outdoor pleasures, especially as a fisherman and hunter. He was a republican and an active worker in the party, served several terms as super-

visor of Burton Township, and while living on the farm was nominated for county treasurer, but was defeated. He and his wife had a large family of children, nine of whom are still living. Their son Reynard died at the age of twenty-four of typhoid fever. He was in the West at the time and started to drive home, but was taken ill en route and came home on a train, dying soon afterward. Agnes is now Mrs. George Pearce, of Camp Point. Emily is Mrs. A. N. Pearce, of Camp Point. Walter O. lives at Quincy and is connected with the International Harvester Company. Charles W. is also in the local office of the Harvester Company. The next in age is Willis. Robert was a railway engineer living at Boulder, Colorado, and was killed when his engine rolled down a steep mountain embankment. Cynthia May and Mabel are both unmarried and living in Quincy. Edith is Mrs. Walter Schroeder, of Chicago. Ethel married Elmer Geisel, of Mendon.

Mr. Willis Cook grew up on his father's farm, and received his early education in the common schools. Soon after attaining manhood the Spanish-American war broke out and he volunteered his services. He was with a contingent of the American forces sent to Porto Rico and had some interesting service on that island. On February 25, 1908, Mr. Cook married Miss Berdina Lawless, daughter of James S. Lawless, concerning whom a separate sketch is published on other pages.

Mr. Cook continued to operate the old Cook homestead until 1915, when it was sold. He then bought his present home in Paloma, where he has a substantial residence and twenty-four acres of land. In partnership with C. C. Lawless he now gives much of his time to the grain and livestock business, with market centers at Paloma and Coatsburg. He and Mr. Lawless have equal interests in an eighty acre pasture which they use in their stock business. Mr. Cook is a breeder of Jersey Red hogs, and for a number of years has fed stock on a large scale.

He has filled the chairs in his lodge of Odd Fellows and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Paloma. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have one daughter, Clara Margaret, born in 1911.

EDWARD C. WELLMANN. The important things to know about men in any community is whether they are among those who did or did not. Among the doers in Adams County one whose record is exceptional is that of Edward C. Wellman, a farmer and fruit grower seven miles southeast of Quincy in Melrose township.

Mr. Wellmann, a son of the late Frank Wellman, whose history is given in detail on other pages, was born July 2, 1873, on a farm adjoining his present home. His boyhood was spent at the homestead and he acquired his education in the parochial schools of St. Antonius Church. He lived at home and worked for his father until he was twenty-nine. His wages during that time was \$100 a year. In 1904 Mr. Wellman, having married a short time before, bought the Ehrick Brothers farm of 154 acres. The purchase price was \$4,300. He could pay only \$300 in cash, and went in debt \$4,000. He steadily reduced the debt and at the same time carried forward improvements that have vastly increased the value of the farm. He erected a large barn, constructed from timber grown on his place, but costing an additional \$1,000. He also built tool sheds and other buildings. One of his most noteworthy improvements was the settling out of twelve acres of apples and four acres in peaches. His apple crop was sold in 1918 for \$900. Mr. Wellmann is a stockman, having twenty-three head of cattle, keeps a dairy, and has employed cement liberally in the construction and improvement of his barn and feed lot. His dairy barn has cement floors. All of this Mr. Wellmann has accomplished in spite of unusual handicaps. He lost his wife when his children were small, and had to assume the responsibility of rearing them without a mother, at the same time paying off his debts and keeping matters moving on the entire farm. That he is one of the ablest hustlers in the county admits of no question. He is a democrat, but has had no time



for public office. He and his family are members of St. Antonius Catholic Church,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from his home.

June 30, 1903, Mr. Wellmann married Miss Rosa Kamphaus, of Melrose Township, daughter of Joseph and Louisa Kamphaus. Mr. Wellmann was born in Melrose Township, was eighteen years of age at her marriage, and she died December 3, 1912. She was the mother of five children: Coletta, Leo, Ruth, Raymond and Luke. The youngest has been reared by his grandmother, mother of Mr. Wellman. Coletta was only nine years old when her mother died, and she bravely assumed the responsibility of taking her mother's place and has been invaluable to her father in looking after and caring for the younger children.

**HENRY FLEER.** One of the best evidences of real ability in farming and farm management is furnished by the man who does not own the land and yet makes a success of its productive activities. Such a case is furnished by Mr. Henry Fleer, a farmer and stock raiser in section 9 of Ellington Township. He operates 160 acres of the William H. Govert estate, and has not only been able to make a profit on the invested capital there in the form of rent, but has made a good living and more for himself. Mr. Fleer does not pin his faith to one special line, but handles his farm on an all around basis. He keeps good grades of Poland China hogs, Shorthorn cattle, good horses, and feeds every pound of grain he grows on the place, except wheat. He practices rotation, and his arrangement of crops would run about twenty-five acres of wheat, thirty acres of corn, twenty acres of oats, twenty acres of grass, and fifteen acres of clover. He depends entirely upon the natural fertilizer system, buying no richness which cannot be obtained from his own stables and by proper cropping. His home has been on this farm for eight years.

Mr. Fleer was born in Quincy March 28, 1868, and has spent all his life in Adams County. He was educated in Quincy and as a youth learned the trade of carpenter. For some years he was also a teamster, and has the judgment and industry which enables a man to make a success of whatever he undertakes.

His parents were Peter and Rica (Heithold) Fleer, both natives of Westphalia, Germany. Their respective families came at an early day to America and located at Quincy. Peter's father, William Fleer, and his wife died in Quincy when quite old. All the family were Lutherans in religion. Rica Heithold's father, Barney Heithold, came to this country in the '50s, and he and his wife bought a farm in McKee Township, where they spent the rest of their days. Peter Fleer and Rica Heithold were married in this county and lived for many years in Quincy. He followed various lines of employment, including teaming, and later was a farmer in Ellington Township on the old Ingram farm. He died there December 25, 1915, at the age of seventy-six. His wife passed away in April, 1909, at the age of sixty-five. Both were devout members of St. James Lutheran Church at Quincy. Mr. Henry Fleer was the oldest of his parents' children.

In February, 1898, he married Clara A. C. Beckman, who was born in Riverside Township of this county April 1, 1882, and as a girl attended the Bowles School. Her parents were William H. and Anna (Schlipman) Beckman, both natives of Germany. They came to America when still single, were married in Quincy, and spent the rest of their days in Adams County as farmers. Her mother died September 2, 1898, at the age of fifty-five. Mr. Beckman is still living in Riverside Township, aged eighty years. He proved his patriotism as an American citizen by enlisting at St. Louis during the Civil war and served three full years. He was in many campaigns and battles and had a number of narrow escapes, returning home with his blanket shot full of holes. Mr. Henry Fleer's father also served in the latter part of the Civil war.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleer have two children: P. William Clarence, born in Quincy March 22, 1901, and has had a good education and is still at home. Florence



was born in Quincy January 20, 1907, and is still attending school. They are members of St. James Lutheran Church and Mr. Fleer is a republican.

**JOHN EDWIN SUMMERS.** By a residence of nearly fifty years in Adams County there is not a place in the world so dear to John Edwin Summers as this picturesque and beautiful section of Western Illinois. His successes have been gained here, he reared his family on his farm, and practically all the associations of his life are in this one locality. It is a place that means all the more to him because of the long residence of the Summers family in Adams County, where they were pioneers.

John Edwin Summers was born in Adams County January 1, 1869. The paternal ancestors were of English stock. He is fourth in age and youngest of the four sons and five daughters of Henry and Martha (Alexander) Summers. His sister Jessie was educated in the public schools of Adams County, is an active member of the Methodist Church and is the wife of Herman Schaberg, a commercial man of Quincy. His brother George W. is an agriculturist in Melrose Township, and by his marriage to Miss Mamie Tuttle has three children.

The late Henry Summers, who was grandson of a Revolutionary soldier, was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, on December 12, 1815. He died March 24, 1884. He was a young man when he came to Adams County during the '30s, and found this region still a wilderness and only a village where the stately city of 40,000 now stands. He spent his years as a practical farmer, and acquired 127 acres in Melrose Township, located in two different farms. His son John now resides on part of the original place. A portion of the present residence there was erected sixty-five years ago. Henry Summers was a democratic voter, and he and his wife were members of the Christian Church. He arrived in Adams County early enough to find the woods filled with wild game, and during one of his hunting expeditions he killed a deer. He was laid to rest in the Green Mound Cemetery. His wife was born in Lewis County, Missouri, and she lived in that state until young womanhood. She was educated in the common schools. Her death occurred February 2, 1880.

John E. Summers supplemented his training in the common schools by a course in the D. L. Musselman's Business College at Quincy. After completing his education he took up the work which has proved his life career, farming and stock raising.

September 20, 1905, he married Miss Clara Elizabeth Raukohl. Three children have been born to them, a son and two daughters, and the two living are Marian M. and Henry H. Marian is now in the third grade of the public schools.

Mrs. Summers was born at Quincy January 31, 1883, daughter of Herman H. and Elizabeth (Voth) Raukohl. Her parents had nine children, three sons and six daughters, and the eight are here mentioned: Paul, who was educated in public schools and business college, is now a stockholder in the Peck-Raukohl Company of Hannibal, Missouri, and is assistant superintendent of a shoe factory in that city. He is married and has two children. Mrs. Summers is second in age; Albert is one of the employes in the Ford Motor Company at Detroit. Anna is the wife of Albert Dinkheller, an engineer living at Detroit. Fred, who is a stock food salesman, lives at Holstein, Iowa. He is married and has three children. Henry, who was an engineer in the oil industry at Nowata, Oklahoma, died October 30, 1918. He was married and had two sons. John is a resident of Detroit, Michigan. Emma is living at Detroit.

Mrs. Summer's mother is a resident of Detroit, and was born at Quincy. Her father was born at Quincy and died December 5, 1912, his remains being interred in the Green Mound Cemetery. She attended the local schools, the Gem City Business College and Elmhurst College. Mr. Raukohl and his wife were active members of the German Evangelical Church at Quincy, and for twenty-seven continuous years he taught the parochial school of Salem Church. He was a republican.

Mrs. Summers was well educated, and her quick perceptions and intelligence would have brought her much success as a teacher. She has found her sphere of usefulness in the home and in assisting Mr. Summers in his business as a farmer. Besides twenty acres which he inherited Mr. Summers bought the other interests to the old homestead, and now has a complete farm of eighty-four acres growing and producing an abundance of fruit and grain crops. Mr. Summers is a democrat, casting his first ballot for Grover Cleveland. He is one of the sturdiest admirers of President Wilson and his policies both domestic and foreign. Mr. Summers has served a number of years as school director and does all he can to promote the cause of public education. He and his wife are active members of the Melrose Chapel of the Methodist Episcopal Church and its Sunday school, and through their church connections, their hospital home, and their energetic management of the Walnut Valley Farm have contributed not a little to the welfare and well being of Adams County.

LAMBERT J. FREDERICK. Of a family whose lives of integrity and industry have identified them permanently with the best interests of Adams County, one that deserves special mention is that of Lambert J. Frederick, whose years have been spent profitably in this county since 1869, and who with his good wife and some of his children still near him live close to the city limits of Quincy in Melrose Township.

Mr. Frederick was born December 18, 1841. His birthplace was just fifteen miles from the shores of the North Sea in East Friesland, German Empire. His parents were Albert and Margaret (Schmidt) Frederick. They had eight children, five sons and three daughters, four of whom are still living: Henry, a cigar maker by trade, who lives with his family at 718 Payson Avenue in Quincy; Lambert J.; Margaret, wife of Barney Hillsher, a retired resident of Quincy at Eighth and Jefferson streets; and Mary, wife of Herman Wittland, a retired farmer at Holden in Adams County. All the children are members of the German Lutheran Church.

Albert Frederick, their father, spent all his life in his native land, and was identified with farming pursuits. His memory went back to a time when Napoleon Bonaparte was a power in the world's history, and he had seen the first Emperor Wilhelm and also General Von Moltke, another prominent figure in the early German Empire. The mother of Lambert J. Frederick came to America with her daughters, Anna and Mary, and spent her last years in Adams County. She was laid to rest in Green Mount Cemetery, where a stone stands sacred to her memory.

Lambert J. Frederick was reared in his native land, had a practical education in the German schools, and spent three years in the German army. In 1869, when twenty-eight years of age, he left Bremerhaven with his brother Ralph and a neighbor boy, and crossing the ocean they reached New York City and from there came to Quincy, arriving on April 11, 1869. Here he found himself a stranger in a strange land, and had only \$5 in cash to start him in a community of new and strange conditions. He began at the bottom of the ladder, and with the aid of the good wife he married has made a comfortable fortune and has reared a family that do him honor.

April 18, 1879, in Melrose Township, Mr. Frederick married Mary A. Keim. Nine children were born to them, seven sons and two daughters, and eight are still living. A brief record of these children is perhaps the best reflection of the honor and worth of their parents. The Frederick home has a service flag of two stars, indicating two of the brave sons who are fighting for the honor of their native land. The oldest of the children is Albert V., a carpenter by trade, now living at Davenport, Iowa, is married and has two sons, Ralph and Roy. Albert is a republican. Anton C., the second son, is one of the prosperous young farmers in Melrose Township, is married and has two sons, named George and Roma. Lambert, the third of the family, was educated in the common schools and is a prosperous merchant at Twenty-Fourth and State streets



in Quincy. William George is foreman in the shipbuilding industry at Seattle, Washington, and is married but has no children. Carl H. is a practical farmer of Melrose Township, is married but has no children. The two sons in the army are Samuel J. and Benjamin J., twin brothers. Samuel has been in the regular army for seven years, holds the rank of first sergeant and at this writing is stationed at Camp Greene in North Carolina. The other son, Benjamin, is already in France with the American Expeditionary Forces. The youngest of the family is the daughter Eva, wife of Robert Burroughs, and they live at Seattle, Washington, where Mr. Burroughs is an electrician in the shipbuilding yards.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick performed a great deal of self denying industry in order to give their children good practical educations and otherwise equip them for the serious duties and responsibilities of life. Mrs. Frederick was born in Adams County December 19, 1853, daughter of Valentine and Mary (Ulrichs) Keim. She is one of five children, three sons and two daughters, four still living, the oldest being Christopher, formerly a farmer and now a resident of Quincy; Mrs. Frederick, second in age; Valentine, a prosperous farmer living with his family in Montrose Township; and William, a farmer in Melrose Township.

Valentine Keim, father of Mrs. Frederick, was born in Germany and when nineteen years of age came to the United States and settled in Adams County. He had very little capital but advanced to rank among the first-rate farmers of the county, and he was a member of the German Lutheran Church. He died at the age of fifty-seven, and he and his wife now rest in the Green Mount Cemetery, where one of the appropriate monuments mark their graves. His wife was also a native of Germany and was sixteen years old when she came to this country. She lived to the age of seventy-five.

When Mr. and Mrs. Frederick began their married career they had a very simple equipment and had to deny themselves practically all the luxuries. They lived as farmers in Melrose Township for about forty years and now that their children are grown they are led to enjoy the comforts and quiet of a happy home and the products of their little farm of forty-one acres, which is just at the city limits.

Mr. Frederick is a republican in national affairs but endeavors to exercise his ballot to help elect the man best fit for office in township and other local offices. He and his wife are members of the Salem Church of the German Evangelical Association.

**WILLIAM F. DINGENSEN.** Perhaps to no one nation does America owe more for the successful development of its farms than to Germany. No better or finer class of people ever came to this country than the German colonists of forty to sixty years ago. On the broad prairies and in the forests of the West, in peace and in war, in every branch of human endeavor and human achievement, by brave and honest service they made compensation for the land of their adoption.

One of these families in Adams County is represented by Mr. William F. Dingersen, who was born in Westphalia, Germany, October 10, 1855, son of Gottlieb and Elizabeth (Arenbrink) Dingersen. Of the children only two are now living, Louis and William. The former was for many years engaged in the teaming business and is still living at Quincy and has a family of eight children.

Gottlieb Dingersen brought his family to the United States in 1875. They left the old country on the steamship Bremerhaven, landing in New York and coming thence to Quincy, Illinois. Gottlieb Dingersen was a farmer, and he and his wife were members of the Salem Lutheran Church at Quincy. He died at Quincy in 1884 and his wife in 1889, and both are now at rest in the Green Mount Cemetery.

William F. Dingersen was twenty years old when he came to America. He



had accordingly been educated in the German schools and was ready to take up the real work of life on reaching Adams County. Here he spent six continuous years in the employ of a German farmer, beginning without capital and without experience, and gradually putting himself in a condition to be master of his own destiny. During his first years in this country he worked during the winter months at \$5 wages and in the summer was paid \$12 a month. He has always been an agriculturist except for twelve years when he did teaming for the Limestone Company of Quincy.

On February 27, 1883, Mr. Dingersen married Miss Mary A. Ellermann. To their marriage have been born nine children, three sons and six daughters. Eight of the children are still living: Laura E. is the wife of William Neuer, a farmer of Melrose Township, and they have two children, Elsie and Elmer. They are members of the Salem Lutheran Church and in politics Mr. Neuer is a republican. Walter G. is a practical farmer of Melrose Township, and by his marriage to Mrs. (Reuder) Timme has one son, Frederick. Lydia R. is the wife of John Eckenkamp, a farmer of Fall Creek Township. They have two sons, Lawrence and Adelbert. William is a farmer of Melrose Township, and was called into the service of the United States Army but was granted an honorable discharge. Carl is now in the service of his country in France. The younger children, all at home, are: Mary L., Edna H. and Flora E. Edna and Flora are still in school, in the sixth grade. All the children have been given the best of advantages in the local schools and all have been confirmed in the Salem Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Dingersen was born in Quincy May 19, 1863, daughter of Gottlieb and Elizabeth (Worman) Ellermann. It will be noted that the parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Dingersen bore the same Christian names and a further coincidence in the family history is that both Mr. and Mrs. Dingersen are the youngest children of their respective parents. Mrs. Dingersen was educated in Quincy, attending the German schools of that city.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Dingersen lived at Quincy for twelve years and in 1897 they courageously faced the future and went in debt for their present home of 160 acres. They labored hard and faithfully and out of the proceeds of their toil they were able to add another forty acres, all in Melrose Township. At one time they bore the burden of debts amounting to \$6,000, but have gone steadily ahead scaling their obligations down and at the same time carrying on good improvements in the way of building of barns and other structures, and the entire farm now stands clear of debt and a monument to their industry. Mrs. Dingersen has borne a noble part in all this work, not only as a kind and affectionate mother, but as a home maker and provider in every sense of the term.

Mr. Dingersen is a republican and has upheld those principles steadily since casting his first vote for James A. Garfield. The family are members of the Salem Lutheran Church at Quincy and Mrs. Dingersen is active in the Ladies' Aid Society.

ALBERT E. HECKLE has had the good fortune to call Adams County his home from birth to the present time, and his life's activities have been chiefly expressed through the business of farming, of which he has made a notable success. He and his wife have a fine homestead known as Evergreen Fruit and Dairy Farm, located just a mile from the city limits of Quincy in Melrose Township. This farm is splendidly adapted to fruit and all kinds of grain, and in its present care and improvements it represents years of labor and study on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Heckle.

Mr. Heckle was born at his present home April 30, 1884. He is the youngest of the ten children, three sons and seven daughters, born to Joseph and Anna Mary (Mast) Heckle. The three living daughters are: Clara, who was educated in the parochial schools, is a member of St. Mary's parish and lives with her parents at 1101 Adams Street in Quincy; Frances, who was similarly

educated and also lives with her parents; Rosina, who was educated in the parochial schools and is the wife of A. Ed Rupp, a farmer near Hannibal, Missouri, and they have two sons, Carl and Herbert, and a daughter, Mary Ann. Albert E. Heckle had a twin brother, Alfred, now deceased.

The Heckles and Masts are among the oldest and best known German families of Quincy and vicinity. Joseph Heckle, who is now living retired in Quincy, was born in Baden, Germany, in February, 1837. His parents were Theodore and Mary Anna (Meyer) Heckle. Mary Meyer's parents were farmers, millers and bakers. All the children of Theodore Heckle and wife were born in Germany. In 1851, at the age of fifteen, Joseph Heckle came to the United States with his married sister, Mrs. Mary Anna Rush. They took ship at Havre, crossed the ocean in four weeks to New York, traveled up the Hudson River to Albany, thence by rail to Buffalo and again by boat to Detroit. Joseph Heckle lived in the county near Detroit with the Rush family for one year, and then went into the city and learned the trade of wood worker in a wagon shop. In 1854 his father, Theodore, and other members of the family joined him in this country, and all of them in the spring of 1855 started west to Iowa. They bought a partly improved farm in Scott County of that state, and later secured Mississippi bottom lands fourteen miles south of Davenport, where Theodore Heckle laid out an addition to the Village of Buffalo. Mrs. Theodore Heckle died in 1863, at the age of fifty-four. In 1864 Theodore Heckle came with his family to Quincy, Illinois, and lived here until his death in 1878, when past eighty-one. He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church.

In 1860 Mr. Joseph Heckle married at Quincy, in St. Boniface Church, Anna Mary Mast. She is a member of the prominent Mast family, one of whom was the first German settler at Quincy. She was born in Melrose Township August 4, 1843, a daughter of Casper and Rosena (Dold) Mast. Casper Mast was born in Baden, Germany, in 1815, and came to Quincy in 1835. A brother of Casper Mast was Michael Mast, who is distinguished as the first German settler of Quincy. Michael was born in 1797, and located in Adams County in 1829. He was a tailor by trade, and had come to the United States in 1816. For a time he lived in Old Mexico, but in 1829 he came up the Mississippi River and sought a home on the frontier at what is now Quincy. For a number of years he was in business in the city, and died here a bachelor in 1852. Michael Mast and some of his fellow German colonists were the founders of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Quincy. Casper Mast and wife were married in that church in 1841. The father of Casper Mast died at Quincy in 1849, during the cholera epidemic.

Mr. Joseph Heckle some years after his marriage was able to buy twenty-eight acres in Melrose Township, included in the present place of his son Albert, and he kept adding to that and improving until he had a good farm of about eighty-eight acres. In 1910 he retired from the farm and has since lived in his fine brick home at 1101 Adams Street. He and his wife are active members of St. Mary's Church. On June 19, 1910, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, surrounded with children, grandchildren and a host of friends who delight to honor them. Joseph Mast is a democrat in politics. For a number of years he was trustee of the schools of his home township.

Albert E. Heckle grew up in the country near Quincy and had a good education in the parochial schools and in St. Francis Solanus College at Quincy. On October 25, 1910, at the age of twenty-six, he married Miss Frances C. Delabar. They have two young daughters, Rita Marie and Rosalia Frances.

Mrs. Heckle was born at Quincy, at 1020 Hampshire Street, June 29, 1886, daughter of Constantine and Mary Magdalene (Nadler) Delabar. She is the youngest of their five daughters, four still living: Hannah, who was educated in the parochial schools, was a skilled dressmaker and is now the wife of Anton J. Jansen, a grocery merchant living at 1228 Broadway, Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Jansen have five children, one son and four daughters, and all are members



of St. Boniface parish. Dora, the second sister of Mrs. Heckle, was well educated and was the wife of Frank J. Altnix, who is in the wholesale grocery business and lives at 1635 Broadway. She died October 19, 1918. They were members of St. Francis parish and had five children, three sons and two daughters. Kate Delabar married Ed J. Helmer, a business man at Quincy and a resident at 911 Spring Street. They had one son.

Mrs. Heckle after completing her education in the parochial schools turned her talents to work as a modiste, and she and her sister were employed in the large Quincy store of Halbach & Schraeder. Mrs. Heckle also had a good business training in the National Business College.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Heckle moved to their farm and together they have carried on the work and solved the problems of life as they have come up, and have made for themselves a happy home, gained many friends, and are people who uphold all good things in their locality. Mr. Heckle in national affairs is a democrat, but supports the man rather than the party in local offices. Office holding for himself has not been one of his active desires or ambitions. He and his wife are supporting members of St. Mary's Church and its various societies. They have prospered as business-like farmers and enjoy the comfort and pleasure of a touring car. They have a home that is the abode of hospitality and good cheer and is frequented by their many friends.

**EDWARD DENNIS HUMPHREY.** One of the oldest homesteads in Melrose Township is the Humphrey farm of 100 acres, known as Hackberry Farm, situated in section 20. It is now owned and occupied by Edward D. Humphrey, who represents the third generation of this notable family in Adams County.

One of the noblest men in the county's citizenship was the late Edward F. Humphrey, who died April 5, 1917. Edward F. Humphrey was born at Simsbury, Connecticut, November 25, 1823, and was in his ninety-fourth year when he died. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, and was seventeen years old when he came with his father, Alexander Humphrey, in 1840 and settled in section 20 of Melrose Township, Adams County. This is the old farm which has been continuously under the Humphrey management for over three-quarters of a century and was obtained originally in a practically virgin state. From the standpoint of fertility and improvements it ranks with the best farms in the county. Alexander Humphrey was born in September, 1791. The first home of the Humphreys in this county was a typical log cabin, and it stood only twenty-five or thirty rods from where the present modern residence is.

The late Edward F. Humphrey in the winter of his nineteenth year taught school and continued teaching for about ten years. He taught six years in the schools of Quincy and for two years of that time was principal of the high school. A number of men and women now in mature life remember him for his instruction to early lives. He always loved good literature and was a man well versed in books as well as in human character and affairs. He possessed a remarkable fund of energy, which kept him busy up to his final years. At one time he was an old time photographer with Warren A. Reed at Quincy. After leaving his school work he engaged in the lumber business at Hamilton in Hancock County, and had charge of some lumber mills there.

Alexander Humphrey died May 1, 1865, and soon afterward his son Edward returned to the old homestead in Adams County and began farming with his brother A. A. Humphrey. During his residence at Hamilton, Ohio, he served that city five years as mayor. The old log house on the Humphrey homestead made way to the stately brick residence which is still standing, and the brick was burned on the farm. It was at the time one of the most pretentious homes in the township. The farm gets its name Hackberry Farm from the fact that Edward F. Humphrey's brother Alexander set out in 1842 a hackberry tree, which was then a mere twig, but which with seventy-five years of growth lifts



its twisted branches high in the air and is one of the finest specimens of that tree to be found in the township.

Edward F. Humphrey began voting as an old-line whig, but was an early convert to the republican party. In the spring of 1878 he was elected supervisor of Melrose Township, and for many years was treasurer of the school district. He was distinguished by a highly methodical mind and had the ability of the expert accountant at a time when that was hardly recognized as a special profession. His penmanship, still extant, looks like copperplate, and his old account books, which preserve their records up to the year 1876, show a neatness and legibility such as few modern bookkeepers could surpass. He was a member of the Congregational Church and served as superintendent of the Sunday school at Hamilton, Illinois, and as soon as he returned to Melrose Township was elected superintendent of the Melrose Chapel Sunday School and filled that office for about thirty years. He and his wife were laid to rest in the Melrose Cemetery.

Edward F. Humphrey married in 1850 Mary Ann Keyes, daughter of Wilard Keyes, of Quincy. She died April 20, 1853. On December 18, 1861, Edward F. Humphrey married Mrs. Martha E. (Dennis) Carey, widow of Thomas D. Carey, of Hancock County. She was born September 6, 1833, at Peterboro, New Hampshire, and came to Illinois in 1858. She died in 1911. She was well educated and had taught school at Nauvoo, Illinois, and also in her home district.

Edward Dennis Humphrey, only son of his father and mother, was born in Hancock County, Illinois, October 7, 1868. However, his home has been in Adams County since early infancy, and here he was educated, supplementing his public school training with work in the Northern Illinois Normal at Dixon, and also by 2½ years in the Illinois State Normal at Normal, Illinois. He entered that school in 1890 under President John Cooke. Mr. Humphrey taught in one of the schools of Melrose Township, and while that was a very congenial profession the most of his years have been spent in farming and stock raising. He has done much to improve the grades of livestock in his community, and has some registered Poland China hogs and thoroughbred Jersey cattle.

June 21, 1892, Mr. Humphrey married Miss Irene Timmons. To their marriage were born four children, three sons and one daughter, all still living. The oldest are Leo and Leone, twins. Leone is the wife of Wilbur Coe, a Melrose Township citizen referred to on other pages. Leo, who completed his education in the high school of Quincy, which he attended two years, is a practical farmer in Melrose Township, is a republican, and an active member of Melrose Chapel. He married Miss Alma Lepper, who is a teacher in the Melrose Chapel Sunday School. Elmer T., the second son, is a gardener in Melrose Township, was educated in the common schools and in the Gem City Business College, and he and his wife are members of the Melrose Chapel. He married Miss Elsa Hagerbaumer, and their two children are Elmer, Jr., and Vernon Edward. Verne L., the youngest of the family, is one of the bright boys in the public schools of his home district and is now in the sixth grade.

Mrs. Humphrey was born in McLean County, Illinois, September 16, 1868, the youngest of six children, one son and five daughters. Her parents were James A. and Anna (Lawson) Timmons. Two of her sisters are still living, Lillie and Fannie. Lillie is the wife of J. H. Allred, a successful contractor at Kansas City, Kansas, the foundation for his business career having been laid as an expert mechanic and cabinet maker. Mrs. Allred was educated in the schools of Buffalo, Illinois. Fannie is the wife of Isadore Horner, of Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. Humphrey was reared in McLean County, Illinois, until young womanhood. In addition to the public schools she attended the Normal University at Normal. She is an active church worker and has chosen a full share of responsibilities in maintaining the Red Cross work in this county.

Her father, James A. Timmons, was born in Ohio and when a young man went to McLean County, Illinois. He had a common school education and fol-

lowed the life of a farmer. He was a staunch republican, and he and his wife were Methodists. He died in October, 1892, and both he and his wife now rest in the cemetery at Buffalo, near Springfield. His wife was born in Ohio and died August 1, 1911.

For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey have had their home at the beautiful old Humphrey place, and a more attractive spot it would be difficult to find anywhere in Adams County. Their home is thoroughly modern. The house and the outbuildings are lighted by electricity, and there is running water for both domestic and stock purposes. The power for this and other machinery about the farm is supplied by gasoline motors.

Mr. Humphrey is a republican and cast his first vote for William McKinley. He has proved one of the useful men of his township, and in that is emulating the example of his honored father. He is executor of his father's estate and administrator of his mother's property. In 1906 he was elected school treasurer of his district, and has taken pride in keeping the books and accounts as neatly and accurately as his father had always done. He was chosen a delegate to the Republican State Convention in 1906, and has served as delegate in various county conventions. Mr. Humphrey is a prominent Mason, having affiliations with the lodge at Quincy and in the Scottish Rite is a member of Lodge of Perfection of the fourteenth degree, Quincy Council of Jerusalem of the sixteenth degree, Rose Croix Chapter of the eighteenth degree and Quincy Consistory of the thirty-second degree. Both Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey are active members of Melrose Chapel and do much to support all church causes in that community. He was for a number of years superintendent of the Sunday school.

**WILLIAM HENRY WOOD.** Widely known by the traveling public as proprietor and manager of Wood Hotel, one of the leading hotels of Quincy, William Henry Wood has acquired popularity as "mein host," being genial, accommodating and ever mindful of the needs and comforts of his many guests. He was born July 24, 1862, in Tiverton, England, a son of Abraham and Elizabeth Ann (Treble) Wood, who were born, lived and died in England.

Attracted by the wonderful reports of the prosperity to be obtained by the working man in the United States, William Henry Wood crossed the Atlantic, and soon after landing on the American shore made his way to Galesburg, Illinois, where he remained for a while. Coming from there to Quincy, Mr. Wood on July 31, 1898, opened a dining room in the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Station, and operated it successfully for twelve years, gaining the good will, esteem and patronage of hosts of travelers. In the meantime he erected the Wood Hotel, a four-story, brick and stone building, 40 by 150 feet, containing 100 rooms, all being modernly equipped and furnished, and has since conducted it on the European plan, managing it in an efficient and highly satisfactory manner.

Mr. Wood married, June 2, 1892, Alice Fraser, a native of England, and they have two children, Gwendolen Gladys and Dorothy Phyllis. Mr. and Mrs. Wood are consistent members of the Episcopal Church. Politically Mr. Wood is a steadfast republican. Fraternally he is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Loyal Order of Moose. Socially he belongs to the North Side Boat Club.

**FRANK DICK,** treasurer of the well-known firm of Dick Brothers, and superintendent of its brewing plant, is connected officially with one of the active and thriving industries of Quincy, his home city. He was born in Quincy June 28, 1862, and has here spent his life.

His father, John Dick, was born in Germany and as a young man came to America, the land of hope and promise. In 1851 he located at Belleville, Illinois, and came to Quincy in 1856. In company with his brothers Jacob and



Mathew he started in the brewing and milling business, establishing the original firm of Dick Brothers, with which he was associated until his death in October, 1889. He married Louisa Steigmeir, a native of Ohio, and into their home seven children were born, as follows: Anna, deceased; Bertha, widow of August H. Glassner, of Kansas City, Missouri; Emma, residing in Quincy; Frank, of whom we write; Matilda, deceased; Ida, wife of F. L. Lampel, of St. Louis, Missouri; and John E., who died in April, 1917.

After his graduation from the D. L. Musselman Business College Frank Dick worked in the office with his father for a year, and afterwards spent two years in the brewing plant, becoming familiar with its every department, and later worked in other breweries, making a thorough study of the more modern and scientific methods used in brewing. Owing then to changes in the Dick Brothers' business, Mr. Dick assumed charge of the brewing department of the plant. He was later made superintendent of the entire plant, which is one of the most extensive in the state, and is still filling that position, and is also treasurer of the company. He is constantly increasing the interests of the firm, and through his influence the Dick Brothers "Pilsener" Beer was introduced to the trade.

Mr. Dick married, April 26, 1893, Rose E. Oertle, a native of Quincy, and their only child, Frank Joseph Dick, is a student in the University of Illinois. Independent in his political affiliations, Mr. Dick votes for what he deems the best men and measures. Fraternally he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

PETER H. MEYER. A stimulating and encouraging story might be written concerning the efforts and enterprise of Peter H. Meyer of Quincy. Mr. Meyer is a fine German, thoroughly affiliated with everything American and for the good of Quincy, and belongs in that class of citizens whose work constitutes a real service as well as a means of livelihood.

Mr. Meyer was born in Westphalia, Germany, in 1865. His parents lived and died in that country and were farmers and Lutherans. He received his education in the old country and in 1892 started from Bremerhaven on the ship Oldenburgh, and landed in Baltimore in May. On the 29th of the same month he arrived in Quincy. He had learned the trade of baker in Germany and he found employment in Quincy in that line for four years. Then, on May 16, 1896, he started his own plant. It was a very modest enterprise, all his baking being done in a large summer kitchen. He has kept adding to and developing his plant from time to time, and he still keeps the old shop as a reminder of former days. His present plant is in a building 40x69 feet. The full capacity of the plant is 20,500 loaves per day. Other equipment comprises two wagons for delivery purposes and a truck. On the same lot, at 1036 Jefferson Street, he has his residence, an eight-room, two-story house. In 1900 a fire that started nearby resulted in the total loss of his property, with only \$100 insurance. He rebuilt at once, and put most of his equipment in a brick structure practically fireproof. Other buildings of his plant include a barn, and the entire property represents in a measureable degree the prosperity he has acquired since coming to Quincy, and all of it the result of a steady and thoroughgoing service.

On September 8, 1892, in Quincy, Mr. Meyer married Miss Hannah Heitkamp. She was born in the same province as her husband August 9, 1865. She was seventeen years old when her parents came to America. Her father, Frederick Heitkamp, is still living in Quincy and celebrated his eighty-second birthday February 9, 1918. Her mother is ten years younger. Frederick Heitkamp is a stone mason by trade, and the family for many years have been identified with the hard-working, honest and capable citizenship of Quincy. The Heitkamps and also the Meyers are active members of St. James Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have eight living children: Anna, the oldest, is the wife of Charles Kaull, of Chicago. Ida is a well educated young woman still at home with her parents. Emma was the victim of a tragic accident at Quincy



June 15, 1915, when she met death in a motor cycle accident. William F. was well educated in the city schools and is now employed in his father's shop. He was born January 21, 1894. Harry H. was born November 23, 1895, and since completing his schooling has also been associated with his father. Otto was born April 18, 1899, and is through school and is learning his trade under his father. Freda was born November 18, 1900, and is a graduate of the grammar school of Quincy. Irene, born March 9, 1903, has also completed the grammar school course. Florence, the youngest, born May 13, 1905, is a student in St. James Lutheran parochial school.

CHARLES EDWIN SHANK is widely known over the eastern part of Adams County as proprietor of a successful business as a florist and market gardener. He went into that business at Clayton thirty-five years ago, having no special experience as qualifications, though the Shanks have always had some special proficiency in handling and growing crops. Being active in mind and vigorous in body, and with a wife who was as enthusiastic and helpful in every branch of the business as himself, Mr. Shank rapidly acquired details, and though sometimes at considerable cost has made his experience count for real success.

Mr. Shank was born on the old Shank farm in Brown County, Illinois, September 5, 1861. He is a younger brother of the veteran horticulturist Daniel Shank, and sufficient details of the family history will be found on other pages of this publication. Mr. Shank remained at home until reaching his majority. He had a district school education and began life for himself as a farm renter. He rented land in Brown County for ten or fifteen years.

About 1891 he established his present business, at first as a fruit grower and gardener. He also conducted a small greenhouse for the purpose of growing flowers and propagating garden plants. After a few years he devoted all his time to gardening and small fruits on the thirty-two acre tract including his father's old home at Clayton. It was after some ten or fifteen years of varied experience in this line that he resumed the floraculture feature of his business. At present he has about 5,000 square feet of glass, and also a number of hot beds for the propagation of plants. His greenhouse is heated by a steam plant. He also cultivates some acres in truck gardening, and is proprietor of the South Side Cemetery, which was originally established by Ben Bryant. The cemetery comprises about three acres, and Mr. Shank has added some from his own farm.

Mr. Shank grows vegetables chiefly for the home market, and has built up a considerable specialty in potted plants. He has the only greenhouse between Quincy and Jacksonville, and supplies a large trade in flowers to neighboring villages and towns. Mr. Shank has a neat home, located in the Village of Clayton, and is an active citizen of that community, having served several years as village trustee. He is a member and deacon of the Baptist Church and a worker in its Sunday school.

On May 15, 1889, Mr. Shank married Miss Frances May Bates, of Camp Point, daughter of Francis H. Bates. Mrs. Shank was reared and educated at Camp Point, and is as much at home in the culture of flowers and the running of the business as her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Shank have three children. Marie is the wife of Roy B. Smith, a grocery merchant at Flint, Michigan. Jennie is assistant cashier of the State Bank of Clayton and lives at home with her parents. Reva is now a senior in the Clayton High School.

Francis H. Bates, father of Mrs. Shank, was born in Boone County, Kentucky, May 15, 1839, son of Horace and Mary (Carpenter) Bates. He was eight years old when his parents moved to Brown County, Illinois, and he learned the trade of carpenter from his father. Later he took up mechanical engineering, and for a number of years was engineer of the Eagle Mill at Camp Point. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company I of the Eighty-Fourth Illinois Infantry, and was in service until mustered out with the rank of corporal in January, 1863. Mr. Bates died May 30, 1914. October 31, 1861, he married





H. E. Lamb.



Mary J. Scott, who was born at Clayton in Adams County, March 18, 1843. She died October 29, 1910. Her father, Capt. William Scott, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, September 8, 1813, and for many years was a successful miller. In 1837 he enlisted in the regular army, and during the next three years was a participant in the Florida Indian wars. In 1842 he married Eleanor Misenheimer. In 1846 he raised a company for the war with Mexico. Captain Scott located in Adams County in 1854, and for many years was engaged in the milling business at Camp Point. A participant in two wars, he raised a company at the time of the rebellion, but on account of ill health served only nine months.

Mr. and Mrs. Bates had two children to grow up: Frances May, Mrs. Shanks, who was born March 23, 1866, and William Nelson, who was born October 29, 1869, now connected with the Quincy Casket Company.

CHARLES ALFRED LAMB was one of the live and enterprising farmers of Melrose Township, his home being three miles east of Quincy on State Street. He spent most of his boyhood in Adams County and afterwards lived with an Adams County settlement in Chariton County, Missouri, for a number of years. He finally returned to Adams County and was proprietor of one of the productive farms and a citizen whose substantial character was regarded as an asset in the community. His death occurred January 10, 1919.

Mr. Lamb was born in Morgan County, Illinois, November 5, 1859, and was brought to Adams County when five years old. His parents, Basil and Matilda (Kurby) Lamb, were both born in Mason County, Kentucky. They came to Illinois in 1840, settling near Jacksonville on a farm, and in 1864 moved to Lima Township of Adams County, seven miles north of Mendon. Their farm was on Bear Creek. In the winter of 1879, they determined to join the large colony of Adams County people, mostly from Mendon Township, who established homes in Chariton County, Missouri, and a new community center known as Mendon, named in honor of their Adams County home. Basil Lamb died there at the age of seventy-two and his wife at sixty-seven. All his business life was spent in farming. He was active in the Christian Church at Mount Hebron in Lima Township. Charles A. Lamb was the only member of the family in Adams County and was the youngest of nine children. Three are still living. Mrs. Mary McAdams, Sophronia Lewis and John W., all living in Oregon.

Charles Alfred Lamb was twenty years old when his parents moved to Missouri. He therefore had grown up and acquired his early education in Adams County. He was on the home farm of his parents to the age of twenty-eight, and after his marriage he spent two years in Oregon and three years in Idaho as a farmer. He then returned to Chariton County, Missouri, and farmed there five years. That was a time of ups and downs, largely due to droughty conditions in Missouri, and several crop failures caused him to return to Illinois in 1891. He rented land in Adams County until he bought his present place in 1914. This is the old Nelson farm of eighty acres, for which he paid \$125 an acre. It is highly improved, has good buildings, and Mr. Lamb followed general farming and orcharding. He had ten acres of bearing apple trees. Every year he fed from seventy-five to 100 hogs. He served the community as road commissioner.

At the age of twenty-eight he married Martha Ann Ruddell, a native of Chariton County, Missouri, but of Adams County parentage. She is a daughter of John D. and Urilla Margaret (Nichols) Ruddell, formerly of Mendon Township, but natives of Ursa Township. Margaret Nichols' father was James Nichols, who came from the vicinity of Covington, Kentucky, to Illinois about 1834. Margaret Nichols was born on the old farm a mile north of Ursa in 1838. Her father donated the land for the New Providence cemetery there, and he died on his old farm at the age of ninety-two. His son, John Nichols, recently died at Ursa at the age of ninety. James Nichols married Mourning Ann Bowles, of Kentucky. She was the mother of Urilla Margaret, and was

her husband's second wife. His third wife was Catherine Ruddell Henry, an aunt of John D. Ruddell. She died at the age of eighty years. John D. Ruddell's father was John M. Ruddell, also a native of Kentucky. He established a pioneer home two and a half miles northwest of Ursa. John M. Ruddell died at the age of eighty-eight. He was an elder in the Christian Church, and with Jesse Bowles organized the Christian Church there. His wife was Martha Ann Dunlap, a daughter of John Dunlap, one of the early settlers of Adams County from Kentucky. John D. Ruddell enlisted at Liberty in Adams County in Company B of the Fiftieth Illinois Infantry, and stayed in that organization until the expiration of his term, when he veteranized and continued fighting the rebellion until it closed. For his unusual qualities as a soldier he was promoted from the ranks to second and first lieutenant and at the close of the war was made captain by brevet. About 1866 he left Adams County and moved to Chariton County, Missouri, locating near Mendon, and that was his permanent home. He never recovered from the hardships of his army experience and died at the early age of forty years. His wife afterward married Basil Lamb, father of Charles A. Lamb. The latter was about twenty-six years of age when his father married a second wife, and Martha Ruddell was about eighteen. During the next two years they lived as members of the same family and until their marriage. After the death of Basil Lamb the widow spent her last years with Mr. and Mrs. Lamb and died aged seventy-eight August 24, 1916.

Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, Opal, the oldest, is the wife of George Horning, a rancher at Fort Pierre, South Dakota. They have one daughter, Martha. Harry Everett was born October 23, 1892, in Oregon, is one of the young men in Adams County whose names appear on the honor roll of those who gave their lives to the country in the great war. He enlisted for the navy May 28, 1918, and was at the Great Lakes Training School at Chicago, where he died September 25, 1918. He had passed creditable examinations for the position of paymaster a short time before his death. He was brought home and laid to rest in the New Providence Cemetery in Ursa Township. Lena, the third child, is the wife of Avis R. Crank. Frank was in practice as a veterinary at Loraine, but is now attached to the United States Army as a veterinarian at Camp Hancock, Georgia. The youngest of the family is Carl Erwin, still at home.

JOHN B. THOMAS is proprietor of the Walnut Grove Stock Farm, comprising 350 acres of land, part of it in Gilmer and part in Columbus townships, but situated in a body. This farm is sixteen miles east of Quincy and a mile south of Columbus. It is a farm well deserving of a distinctive title, and there are hundreds of successful stock men all over the Middle West who know the Walnut Grove Farm products, and by its many prize winners in the state and local fairs. Many of the old time residents of Adams County will easily identify the farm as the old Ben Rutledge homestead. The horse barn was erected by Mr. Rutledge, while Mr. Thomas has carried out the equipment on a thoroughly modern scale, erecting a cattle barn 50x70 feet, also hog houses, and in its improvements and arrangement alone this farm would easily be counted one of the finest in Adams County. Mr. Thomas completely remodeled the house, installing bath room and many other conveniences. He also erected a tenant house for his son, and there are few conveniences of the city which have not been introduced into this country place. Mr. Thomas has liberally used cement in and around his buildings. The front yard is guarded from the road by a handsome cement wall, and all the walks are laid of concrete. He has two silos built of vitrified tile block. An inexhaustible supply of pure water is pumped by means of gasoline engines. The high class livestock raised on this farm consists chiefly of the Aberdeen Angus cattle, registered, and the Duroc Jersey and Poland China hogs. Mr. Thomas ships one or more carloads of cattle every year, besides selling many individual animals to stock men. For a number of years he has advertised his stock in the leading farm journals, and has exhibited them in the local fairs and the state fairs of Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, and



has a large number of trophies given to his exhibits as prizes. Mr. Thomas also specializes in the Percheron horses.

John B. Thomas was born at LaPrairie in Northeast Township of this county March 24, 1862, a son of E. P. and Lucy (Dilts) Thomas. His father was born in Wales and was brought to this country when five years of age by his parents, who located at Cincinnati, Ohio, where they died soon afterward. He grew up in the home of an uncle at Cincinnati, learned the molder's trade, and followed it for a number of years. Later he engaged in merchandising at Cincinnati, and from that city moved to Kirksville, Missouri, a short time before the Civil war. He was a pronounced Union man, very outspoken of his opinions, and naturally suffered a good deal of persecution in a district where southern sentiment predominated. It was a much more congenial neighborhood in which he located during the first year of the war at LaPrairie, Illinois. He farmed in that township, later lived in the Village of LaPrairie and operated the farm, and finally removed to Golden, where he was member of a company manufacturing bed springs under the name of the Golden Specialty Company. He finally became sole proprietor of this business. Failing health caused him to give it up, and after his wife's death he lived with his sons L. E. at Golden and John B. on the farm. He died at the age of eighty years. He married at Lawrenceville, Indiana, his wife being an Indiana girl. Her grandfather was a noted preacher in that state in pioneer times. E. P. Thomas served at one time as justice of the peace at Golden. He was a republican, a man of good education, and was something of a leader in every community where he lived. His family consisted of the following children: L. E. Thomas, who owns a farm at Golden and is also connected with the Stock Food Manufacturing Company at Shenandoah, Iowa; Aurora, who married B. F. Talbot, of LaPrairie, and died six years after their marriage; John B.; Mary, who after the death of her sister became the second wife of B. F. Talbot, now a contractor at Dallas, Texas.

John B. Thomas spent his boyhood days at LaPrairie, partly on the farm and partly in the village, and attended common schools there. Though regarded as one of the most successful stockmen in the county, Mr. Thomas has had a varied experience in different lines. During his youth he spent three years working in a butcher shop. Another year he was in the store of his uncle at Moberly, Missouri. For two years he was employed by E. G. Hoyt in Houston Township. While his wages during that service amounted to only \$200 a year, Mr. Thomas considers the period one of the most memorable in his life, since while there he found his wife in the daughter of Mr. Hoyt. After leaving Mr. Hoyt's employment Mr. Thomas determined to get a better education and attended normal school at Bushnell, Illinois. With this training for teaching he accepted a school in the Washington District of Northeast Township, and was in that school eight years and two years in Houston Township. In the Washington District he directed the studies and growing capabilities of his pupils, some of them from the time they began learning the alphabet until they had completed the eighth grade. Mr. Thomas was a teacher out of the ordinary. He was concerned not only with the imparting formal literary instruction but also encouraging the talents and latent powers of the boys and girls under him, and when a boy showed some special talent or inclination Mr. Thomas was quick to foster that disposition, and thus he was responsible for guiding many young men and women into useful spheres of activity. Even now some of his old pupils meet him occasionally and always express deep acknowledgment and gratitude for their early associations with him. During the ten years he was engaged in teaching Mr. Thomas spent his vacations in different lines of work. One factor of his success was his freedom from that form of pride which frequently prevents young men from making themselves useful. He worked on a railroad section for a time, also sold farm machinery, and when not otherwise employed worked as a farm hand. He finally entered business for himself as a marble and granite salesman at Golden for one year. He then bought a



half interest in the business and two years later became sole owner. For three or four years he traveled as salesman for his business, and at the same time kept his workmen employed in his shop, and later had three other salesmen on the road.

After eleven years in that line he retired and moved to Monroe City, Missouri, having acquired an eighty acre farm at Shelby, Missouri, which he afterward sold and bought 132 acres at Monroe City, Missouri. With his home in the city he supervised the farm and also carried on a general real estate agency. Mr. Thomas has bought and sold lands and negotiated land deals in many states in the Middle West. After six years he moved out to his Missouri farm, and operated it under his own supervision until 1907. During that time he had developed a place of 240 acres, and the success which has attended his Walnut Grove Farm in Adams County might be said to be a continuation of the work he has already instituted in Missouri.

This brief record is sufficient evidence that Mr. Thomas has been an exceedingly busy man, and it is not strange, therefore, that he has had no time for politics, and in fact his inclinations do not run in that direction. Several years ago he refused to be a candidate for the Legislature. He is a republican voter. However, Mr. Thomas has many other interests outside his farm and business. He and his family are all active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Columbus. He is past master of Golden Lodge of Masons, has sat in the Grand Lodge several times, and is a charter member and was venerable consul of the Camp of the Modern Woodmen at Golden, and has attended as a delegate several state and national conventions, including those of St. Paul and Washington. He has also been a delegate to the Anti-Saloon League Convention at Washington, being one of the forty Illinois delegates. These broader movements have aroused much of Mr. Thomas' enthusiasm and co-operation, and he has frequently been a speaker in gatherings of different kinds. He keeps well informed on the activities of church, Sunday school, temperance and other social and educational activities.

Mr. Thomas was twenty-four and his bride was twenty-two when he and Miss Margaret Hoyt were married. Mrs. Thomas is a daughter of the late E. G. Hoyt and a granddaughter of Capt. E. B. Hoyt, one of the prominent pioneers of Adams County. E. G. Hoyt was born in Orange County, New York, December 27, 1835, and arrived in Adams County with his parents July 6, 1843. He was one of the prominent farmers and stock raisers of Houston Township many years, and died at Golden at the age of seventy. Mrs. Thomas was born on the Hoyt homestead in Houston Township, and was well educated in the local schools.

A brief record of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas is as follows: Harry B., who is a farmer in Columbus Township, and by his marriage to Pearl Wilhoit has a son, Donald; Benjamin Franklin, who is associated with his father in the Walnut Grove Stock Farm, married Hazel Wilhoit; Eddie H., who rents part of the home farm, married Nina Haley and has one child, Ruth; Grace E. is the wife of Granville Lummis, who is in the United States army with special assignment to automobile duty; Luther E. and Fred L., the youngest members of the family, are students in the Quincy High School.

HON. CHARLES R. McNAY, of Ursa, is the present state senator representing the Thirty-sixth District, including Adams, Calhoun, Pike and Scott counties. There has been no time within the past half century when such an office has carried greater responsibilities and corresponding honors than in the period of the great World war. It will be no small distinction in after years to say that Mr. McNay was a member of the Illinois Senate during this critical period in the nation's history.

His substantial qualities of American citizenship are unquestioned and are based upon not only his individual career but an ancestry that has been American for more than a century. His grandparents, Andrew and Jane McNay,

came from the Scotch Highlands and settled in Kentucky about 1815. It was in Pendleton County, Kentucky, that John McNay, father of Senator McNay, was born October 6, 1818. For fully eighty years the McNay family has been identified with Adams County. John McNay and his brother Andrew came here in 1837. Two other brothers, William and James, were also early settlers in the county. John McNay settled four miles northwest of Mendon, and it is in the northwestern part of the county that the activities of the family have been especially pronounced. The mother of these brothers also spent her last years in the county. John McNay was a highly prosperous farmer and owned 200 acres of land, still held in the estate of his heirs. He died August 22, 1896. John McNay married Amanda James, who was born in Boone County, Missouri, January 18, 1832, and at the age of sixteen came to Adams County with her parents, Adam and Amanda James. John and Amanda McNay were married May 5, 1850. She died May 4, 1918. After her husband's death she had left the farm, and she died at Ursa. They were active members of the Franklin Baptist Church near their homestead, and both were laid to rest in the burying ground of that churchyard. John McNay was a democrat. They had three sons, Daniel F., who was born in 1851, was a farmer and died at Quincy in 1915, being deputy sheriff at the time of his death; Mitchell M., a retired farmer at Ursa; and Charles R.

Charles R. McNay was born at Mendon January 28, 1859, and received a good education, attending the State Normal School at Kirksville, Missouri, for several years. At the age of twenty-four, on December 23, 1882, he married Miss Olive Miller, daughter of William E. Miller of Marcelline, now deceased. She was twenty years of age at the time of her marriage. Mr. McNay then began farming in Lima Township, remained there four years, and then for two years was engaged in general merchandising with U. K. Miller under the firm name of Miller & McNay. On November 4, 1888, Mr. McNay lost his wife, and about that time he gave up the store business and entered the field where his abilities have been most successful, as a dealer and shipper of livestock.

Four years after the death of his first wife he married at Quincy Mary D. Welshons, daughter of John and Martha (Tranf) Welshons. Her parents came from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, to Adams County about 1840. Her father was a miller at Lima and in other places in the county, and died here at the age of forty-seven. Her mother survived nearly forty years and she passed away at the age of seventy-nine. Mrs. McNay was born at Lima.

After his marriage Senator McNay resumed farming in Lima Township for four years and vigorously prosecuted his enterprise as a stock buyer. That has been his main business for over a quarter of a century. He has been one of the leading shippers of hogs and cattle to the markets of St. Louis and Chicago, and has concentrated hundreds of thousands of carloads of stock at Ursa preparatory to further shipment. His headquarters have been at Ursa for twenty years, and it has been his practice to ship about 200 carloads of stock every year, chiefly hogs. He has also handled a number of fine horses.

His qualifications as a public leader have not been less pronounced than in a business way. He has been accustomed to bearing public responsibilities for many years. He served five years as assessor of Ursa Township, was on the school board, was supervisor six years and chairman of the board three years, and in 1914 was elected on the democratic ticket to the State Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Campbell S. Hearne in the Forty-Ninth Session. He was re-elected in 1916. In the 1914 primaries he carried every precinct in Adams County, including Quincy, and the same popularity followed at the general elections and this performance was repeated in 1916. Senator McNay has been entrusted with much of the important work of the committees and on the floor of the Senate. He has served as a member of the committees on appropriation, agriculture, livestock and dairying, charitable, reformatory and penal institutions, county and township organization, public utilities, revenue and finance, waterways, etc. Long before he took a seat in



the Senate he had been a strenuous advocate for good roads. The good roads movement in Illinois is now at its culminating point, and is only temporarily delayed by the exigencies of the war. Senator McNay has used all the influence he possesses personally and from his district to lay a solid and substantial basis for really good roads in Illinois, and the legislation in that direction now pending and certain to pass within the near future has no abler advocate than the senator from the Thirty-sixth District.

Senator McNay has filled all the chairs in the Odd Fellows Lodge and has been a representative to the Grand Lodge. He is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Modern Woodmen of America.

He is the father of three sons. Clyde, a son by his first wife, is now private secretary to the general manager of the Missouri Pacific Railway in the general offices at St. Louis. Rue W. completed his education in Harvard College and was connected with a commission house in the National Livestock at St. Louis until he enlisted in the navy for the World war, and is now a wireless operator. Carl F. is still at home, attending high school.

HENRY WOOD STRICKLER, an Adams County pioneer, who is perhaps most widely known for his devoted labors covering a period of over forty years in behalf of the Church of the Brethren, is now living superannuated at his home a half mile south of the Village of Loraine.

He was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, April 24, 1836, son of Jacob D. and Rhumy (Wood) Strickler. The Stricklers are descendants of William the Silent, through Frederick Henry and King George II. The family originated in some of the older provinces of Germany and Switzerland. They early embraced the simple doctrines of religion similar to the English Quakers, and the first of the name to come to America were from a German Canton of Switzerland and reached Pennsylvania soon after 1722. One of four brothers settled in Philadelphia, one at Lancaster, one at York and the fourth, Abram, in Chester County, Pennsylvania. His son Jacob moved to the Susquehanna River, became a Mennonite minister and moved to Virginia.

In 1722 Abraham Stewart and Abraham Strickler, brothers-in-law, of Chester, Pennsylvania, settled in Fayette County. They acquired a joint claim to 1,200 acres of land, and in 1789 Stewart deeded his share to Abraham Strickler. Henry Strickler, son of Abraham, Sr., was the grandfather of Henry Wood Strickler of Adams County. This Henry married Frances Stewart, daughter of Abraham Stewart, who was a cousin of Queen Elizabeth, and sister of Hon. Hamilton Stewart, long a prominent member of Congress. Henry Strickler set out a large orchard on the old estate, and for a number of years manufactured brandies and wines. Becoming convinced of the evils of intemperance, he cut down the orchard and removed all traces of his former occupation. He was a blacksmith by trade and for some years he packed coal on a mule a distance of ten miles for his shop, though there was a nine-foot vein under his own farm. Henry Strickler died January 14, 1840, at the age of seventy-seven. His old home was willed to his son Henry, Jr., who died February 10, 1894, and from him it passed to his son George W., whose widow still owns the old place.

Jacob D. Strickler, father of Elder Strickler, secured a one-third share in the estate. Within the recollection of Elder Strickler the first sale of coal without the land was sold for cooking manufacture by his father. That was the first sale in the great Pittsburg district for cooking. Jacob Strickler died in Pennsylvania at the age of eighty-one. He was a member of the Church of the Brethren or Dunkards. His wife, Rhumy Wood, was a daughter of Capt. Abina Wood. Captain Wood was born July 7, 1777, in Cumberland County, New Jersey, son of Jonathan Wood, who remained a Royalist during the Revolutionary war. Abina Wood inherited the old farm, but for many years was a navigator and was sailing master for vessels owned by the noted Stephen Girard



of Philadelphia. Abina Wood married on August 17, 1799, Susan Humphreys, and they had fourteen children.

Henry Wood Strickler arrived at Quincy March 13, 1854. His brother Lewis had come to Adams County in March, 1851, and Henry lived with his brother in Honey Creek Township for two years. On June 6, 1856, he married Nancy Jane Hardy, who was born February 24, 1835, in Keene Township of Adams County. Her father, Baptist Hardy, made the second purchase of land in Keene Township, this land being in section 36. He helped to organize the county into townships, and was the first supervisor of Keene Township. He married Tamar Patterson, of Tennessee.

Henry W. Strickler was 50 cents in debt when he reached Quincy. He had to borrow 50 cents at St. Louis to pay his fare, and the first two days work he did was cutting hazelbush at 50 cents a day. On Saturday afternoon he walked nine miles to repay his creditor. He then continued work for three months at \$13 a month, and continued in this general way until his marriage.

He set up his home in section 29 with 117 acres of uncleared land and went in debt for the entire purchase. His first home was a little house of poles and boards containing two rooms. His first home was burned in 1876, and he then built the house which is still standing and is a credit to the community. He acquired 217 acres and made it one of the fine farms of the township. Mr. Strickler retired from farming in 1906, after having spent fifty years on one place.

He first took up the ministry of the Church of the Brethren in 1876, when he was ordained, and for over thirty years he gave much of his time and energies to the work. As is customary in this church, the ministers serve without salary, and Mr. Strickler went even further than that and paid practically all his expenses even when on evangelical trips to distant communities. His first church was at Liberty, but in 1881, through his efforts, was organized the church at Loraine of fourteen members. Many of the early meetings of this denomination were held in school houses and other public buildings, and also in the barn and house of Mr. Strickler himself. The church at Loraine was begun April 1, 1882, and was dedicated November 16, 1882. The house was built by his own hands, and he furnished three-fourths of the money for the building. Elder Strickler was in charge of several other churches in surrounding counties, and he did evangelistic work in all the states from Pennsylvania west to Nebraska. Six years ago he was given the position of a superannuated minister. His wife, who died April 26, 1911, after they had lived together fifty-five years, was an assistant elderess and equally zealous in church work. Mr. Strickler was ordained an elder or bishop of his church December 22, 1881. He has been a delegate to annual conferences some thirteen times and has attended more than twenty district conferences. He is a fluent speaker, thoroughly learned on Gospel and Bible history, and is a writer who wields a facile pen in both prose and verse.

September 9, 1914, Elder Strickler married for his second wife Mrs. Eliza Hooker, of Fayette County, Pennsylvania. His five children by his first wife are as follows: Baptist H., who is a minister also, married Ida Eddy now dead, and he lives with his father; Emma, wife of M. F. Curless, of Keene Township; Charles, a railroad man living at Loraine, married Addie Baggerly; Fannie, who died at the age of thirty, wife of William O. Thompson; and Henry C. who married Florence Turner and lives on the old home farm.

**FRANK SHRIVER.** Of the men in the prime of life who are carrying the heavy burdens of Adams County agriculture one whose position deserves special mention is Frank Shriver of Ursa Township. He is proprietor of a fine farm of 160 acres in section 32 of that township. The land is well drained and rolling, and has every improvement that a first class farmer needs. The buildings are all substantial, including a modern eight-room house. Mr. Shriver bought

this farm in 1912, and has done much to improve it and increase its efficiency and productiveness.

He is a native of Adams County and has lived here all his life. He was born in Mendon Township January 11, 1871. As a boy he attended the local schools there and his early training led him to take up and successfully conduct the business of farming. His parents were Louis and Catherine (Wagamann) Shriver. Both were born in about the same locality of Germany, were acquainted as children, and were married after they came to Adams County, on March 5, 1857. They had little or nothing to begin on, and going into the woods of Mendon Township they practically hewed a farm out of the wilderness and by hard work made a substantial living for themselves and their children. They had two farms in the township. They died on the second place, in section 26, the father on May 13, 1890, at the age of seventy, and the mother on August 19, 1896, aged sixty-four. They were laid side by side in the cemetery in Mendon Township. Both were devout Lutherans and the father was a democrat. Of their children Henry is now deceased, and left a widow and one son and three daughters; Louis is a resident of Ursa Township, is married and has two sons; Leonard is a widower living in Ellington Township, and the father of two sons and two daughters; William died in infancy; Louise Catherine lives in East St. Louis, widow of Victor Waddick, and has a son and daughter; another daughter, Catherine, died in infancy.

Frank Shriver married in Mendon Township March 23, 1898, Miss Mattie Myers. She was born in Mendon Township December 3, 1878, and she and her husband were schoolmates in the Elm Grove School. Her parents were John H. and Emma (Evans) Myers. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania of German ancestry, and was brought to Quincy when young by his parents. He grew up and married in Quincy, where his wife was born. Emma Evans was of Welsh parentage. John Myers after his marriage started farming on a small place, but in course of time developed a good home in Mendon Township. He died there in 1913, when sixty-three years of age, while his widow is still living. Both were members of the United Brethren Church at Fowler. Mrs. Shriver has two brothers and two sisters still living. Etta lives in Adams County, the widow of William Daugherty, and has one daughter. Frank is a farmer in Mendon Township, is married but has no children. Samuel also a Mendon Township farmer, is the father of one son and two daughters. Gertrude is the wife of E. B. Dudley, of Mendon Township, and they have one daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Shriver have a daughter, Ada M., born June 1, 1902, now in the second year of the Quincy High School. Their son, John Willis, was born February 26, 1906, and is now in the fifth grade of the country schools. Mr. Shriver is a democratic voter.

FRANK J. TENK, vice president of the Tenk Hardware Company, has with his older brother, Rudolph, now president and treasurer of the company, been identified with this monumental business of Quincy from early boyhood.

Mr. Tenk was born in Quincy May 12, 1878, has always lived here, and was educated in the parochial schools and the Gem City Business College. Even when in school he acquired much knowledge and experience in the store of his father and uncle, and about twenty years ago became one of the active members of the firm. He was finally elected secretary of the corporation, and a few years ago became vice president, in charge of the sales department. Mr. Frank J. Tenk is a master of sales organization, and has done much to extend the fame of his house over all the territory of the Mississippi Valley.

He married Adelaide Hoeveler, of Chicago. Mrs. Tenk was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and finished her education in a convent, supplemented by two years of travel in Europe. She is a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Curry) Hoeveler. Her father was born in Germany and died twenty-five years ago. Her mother was a native of Scotland but was reared in America, and is now



living with Mr. and Mrs. Tenk. Mr. Tenk has always been active in all movements for the promotion of Quincy's welfare and growth. Four daughters have been born to their marriage: Virginia A., a student in the Sacred Heart Academy at St. Louis; Mary A. and Ruth, both students in St. Mary's Convent at Quincy; and Clara L.

**RUDOLPH TENK.** In the Commercial History of Quincy "The House of Tenk" takes a prominent place, because it has done much to bring before the people of the Central Mississippi Valley the prominence of Quincy. For half a century the influence and power of this house has been growing throughout the Mississippi Valley. Thousands know Quincy as the home of the Tenk Hardware Company.

The business was established in 1865, now more than half a century ago, by two brothers, Henry and John H. Tenk. They were men of sturdy character, of good business ability and judgment. They started modestly with a small capital, which consisted of the savings accumulated during their boyhood days, and with which they started a small retail hardware store.

The firm was known as H. & J. H. Tenk. Their first location was at 516 Maine Street, which is two doors east of what is now devoted exclusively to the retail branch of the business. In 1874 they removed to 512 Maine Street. About 1880 they started a wholesale department, which has shown constant growth, and every year has witnessed some important increase and extension.

In 1891 the business was incorporated under the corporate name of Tenk Hardware Company.

Besides the large four-story building at 512 Main Street, the company occupies a large four-story building at 121, 123 and 125 South Fifth Street, also a large five-story warehouse located in the rear of the Fifth Street building. In addition to this the company has another warehouse in the same block, and another one at Sixth and Jersey streets, with railroad side track.

Early in the year 1918 the Tenk Hardware Company bought the building and the stock of heavy hardware of the Fischer Iron & Steel Company, in which building their wholesale offices and general wholesale department are now located.

The Tenk Hardware Company is today the largest hardware business between St. Louis, St. Paul, Kansas City and Chicago. They employ regularly a force of ten traveling salesmen, and their force of employees consists of about sixty people.

In addition to their line of general hardware they carry a large line of sporting goods, and a very large stock of automobile accessories and supplies, including supplies for trucks and tractors, in addition to which they carry a complete stock of iron, steel, heavy hardware and blacksmith supplies.

The late Henry Tenk was president of the business until his death. He was one of Quincy's greatest business builders. More is said of him on other pages of this publication. As an evidence of the esteem in which he was held by the community it may be mentioned that lengthy resolutions of respect were drawn up by various organizations, including the hardware merchants of Quincy. Resolutions by these merchants were drawn up by a committee consisting of August C. Stroot, Julius L. Klemme and Charles H. Cottrell.

The president of the company at the present time is Rudolph Tenk, a son of the late Henry Tenk. He and his brother Frank after finishing their education in the schools of Quincy literally grew up in the business of their father, and have been in active management during the last twenty years.

Rudolph Tenk was born in Quincy April 2, 1872. He received his education in the city schools, after which he entered the business where he has been engaged ever since. Owing to the close attention required by this growing business he has never found time to engage actively in outside interests, nor has he ever taken an active part in politics.

Mr. Tenk married Miss Anna Hagel, who was born, reared and educated in



Mount Sterling, Illinois. She is a daughter of Joseph and Josephine (Adams) Hagel. Her father was born in this country. Her mother was born in Alsace-Lorraine, of German and French ancestors. She, with her parents, immigrated to this country when she was still a child. Mr. and Mrs. Tenk have two children, Gertrude E., who after finishing her course at the Notre Dame Academy of this city graduated from Notre Dame College in Baltimore, Maryland, and Pauline Ann, after completing her course at the Notre Dame Academy here is now attending the University of Chicago.

FREDERICK EISENBERG is a most worthy old time citizen of Adams County. He came here poor, married a girl who came from Germany at the same time, and by their thrifty co-operation and unceasing diligence they bought and paid for a farm home, provided for their children, and have lived to see them all comfortably situated and near enough so that there are regular annual family gatherings every Christmas and holiday season. Mr. Eisenberg is now living retired on North Fifth Street in Riverside Township, just outside the city limits of Quincy.

He was born in Waldeck, Germany, January 3, 1847. His early life was spent on a farm. He came to the United States in 1869 and was attracted to Adams County by the presence of his uncle, William Eisenberg, who had come to Quincy several years before and was a teamster in that city. William Eisenberg, who died at the age of seventy-two, married Mary Bangert. This uncle paid for Fred's passage, and the latter on reaching Adams County at once found farm work, his wages being \$14 in the winter and \$18 in the summer. He went along in this way for four years, acquiring a knowledge of the American language and business conditions, and saving all he could with a view to marrying the girl who came over with him on the same ship, and who was also industriously working with the same happy event in mind. Her maiden name was Louisa Miller, and she came from the same locality of Germany. She was employed as a domestic in Quincy until November 11, 1872, when they were happily married.

Mr. and Mrs. Eisenberg started out as renters, having enough between them to buy household goods and a good team. For about eleven years they rented land, and then went in debt for a 120 acre farm on North Thirty-Sixth Street in Ellington Township. The purchase price was \$100. That was a high price to pay for land at that time, and many friends tried to persuade Mr. Eisenberg, saying that he could not make it. But he did that and more, too, though it took many years. He handled his land as a stock and grain farm, had to put in much of his profits for buildings improvements, and it was fifteen or twenty years before he could feel relieved of debt. At that time he had a fine farm, and felt that he was more than recompensed for his labors and sacrifices. Eight years ago Mr. Eisenberg left the farm and has since lived on a small place, with every comfort desired by him and his good wife.

They had a family of ten children to reach maturity. Ida married John Kessel and died in Missouri at the age of thirty-nine, leaving seven children. Fred is a farmer near Taylor, Missouri. Wilce, a twin brother of Fred, died at the age of nineteen. Charles is in the same vicinity as Fred. Mary married C. J. Hyer, of Payson Township. Henry also lives near Taylor, Missouri. Louis is a farmer in Fall Creek Township. Leonard has his home in Quincy. George is on the old homestead on Thirty-Sixth Street. Albert lives on Twenty-Fourth Street in Riverside Township. Mr. and Mrs. Eisenberg also have twenty-two grandchildren. He is a democratic voter and a faithful and consistent member of St. John's Lutheran Church at Quincy.

DANIEL ERTEL is proprietor of one of the first class money making diversified farms of Columbus Township, located in section 5. It is well improved, with a substantial seven-room house, barn of large capacity, and the land not under





*Julius Kespöhl*



thorough cultivation is covered with a fine growth of heavy timber, which in itself is a valuable asset.

Mr. Ertel has lived on this farm since he was eighteen months old. It is therefore endeared to him by many associations apart from its actual value. He was born in the city of Quincy, on State Street, August 27, 1859, son of Daniel and Maria (Luckenbiel) Ertel. His parents were both born in Germany. They came as young people by sailing vessel to New Orleans and up the Mississippi River to Quincy, and were married in that city. They lived there some years. Daniel Ertel, Sr., was a millwright by trade, but later took up general carpentry and house building for a number of years. Still later he moved to Columbus Township, bought a farm, put up a new house and other buildings, and besides using his mechanical skill to add value to the farm he was equally successful on the agricultural side. He bought more land from time to time until he owned about 400 acres in Columbus Township. His wife died there about thirty years ago. He passed away in 1898 at Quincy, where he had lived among his children for a couple of years. He was then eighty-five years of age, and retained all his faculties until his last serious illness. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church.

Daniel Ertel, Jr., was one of eight children, five sons and three daughters. One son and one daughter died after their marriage. The other six are all married and all have children. One of them lives in California, another in Missouri, and four are still in Adams County.

Daniel Ertel grew up on the old farm and attended the local schools. For many years he has owned in his own right 208 acres of the homestead, and most of the improvements are of his own making. In Camp Point Township he married Miss Maria Shuhart, who was born at Warsaw, Hancock County, Illinois, in March, 1867, but after the age of twelve completed her education at Camp Point. Mr. and Mrs. Ertel have two children, Beulah M. and Elmer E., the latter ten years of age. Beulah is the wife of Harry Heimbauch, and they now live on and own a 160-acre farm in Cass County, Iowa. Mrs. Ertel is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Columbus, and all the family attend worship there. Mr. Ertel is a democrat and has filled the office of township clerk.

**JULIUS KESPOHL.** One of the most accomplished and able business men of Adams County, Julius Kespohl is prominently identified with the commercial affairs of Quincy, and as head of the mercantile house of Kespohl-Mohrenstecher Company is contributing in no small measure toward the progress and prosperity of his home city. A son of the late Julius Kespohl, Sr., he was born in Quincy, August 4, 1871.

His father, Julius Kespohl, Sr., a native of Westphalia, Germany, when a mere child was brought to America by his parents, who settled first in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1851, and five years later removed to Quincy, Illinois.

After completing his higher education in St. Louis, the senior Mr. Kespohl was apprenticed to the dry goods business in Quincy, going later to St. Louis and returning to Quincy in 1862. When only eighteen years of age he embarked in the retail dry goods business here on his own account in partnership with an elder brother, Louis, and Edward Arntzen, a brother of Senator Bernard Arntzen. Later Mr. Kespohl bought out the interest of his partners and conducted the business alone until 1871, when he generously turned this established business over to two of his employes, Frederick W. Halbach and Henry H. Schroeder, and entered the exclusive wholesale dry goods business.

This business was a tremendous success from the very beginning, the organization including many men who afterwards acquired a national reputation in the dry goods field, and the business was at one time recognized as the largest in the West outside of St. Louis, Missouri.

Later, when the firm of Field and Leiter of Chicago was dissolved, an effort was made to induce Mr. Kespohl to join with Mr. Leiter in organizing a new large wholesale dry goods business there, but his loyalty to Quincy influenced

him to remain here and share the vicissitudes of this place. He continued a resident here until his death October 29, 1909.

He was one of the organizers and first president of the Quincy National Bank, and was appointed by the governor to represent the State of Illinois at the Vienna Exposition. He traveled extensively abroad, and while there was several times presented at court.

The maiden name of the wife of Julius Kespohl, Sr., was Fredrica Sien. She was born at Bad Sachsa, Duchy of Brunswick, and in 1852, at the age of four years, came with her parents to Quincy, where she is still residing. To her and her husband four children were born, as follows: Anna, the wife of Otto A. Mohrenstecher; Julius, the special subject of this brief sketch; Ada, living at home; and Margarethe, the wife of Oliver B. Williams, of Quincy, Illinois.

Returning to the subject of this sketch, Julius Kespohl, after a course in the Quincy High School he was graduated with highest honors from both the classical and scientific departments of the Glenwood Military Institute at Matawan, New Jersey. Returning to Quincy, he entered his father's store and remained there until 1899. Going abroad in that year, Mr. Kespohl took a post graduate course at University College, London, England, and later advanced his knowledge of philosophy and literature at Oxford University, Oxford, England.

In 1901 he resumed his mercantile pursuits in Quincy, becoming secretary and treasurer of the Kespohl-Mohrenstecher Company, a corporation comprised of his father, Julius Kespohl, Sr., his brother-in-law O. A. Mohrenstecher, and himself, and one of the foremost mercantile establishments of its kind in the state.

The study of European governments while abroad led Mr. Kespohl to see the many imperfections in our own government and its administration, and he became greatly interested in governmental reform. Realizing that much of the inefficiency and corruption in our government is due to the failure of citizens to discharge the responsibility of citizenship, Mr. Kespohl became active in politics with a view to arousing the voters to a realization of their civic responsibility. Through this activity in politics some public recognition came to him, and in 1904 he became superintendent of the Illinois Building at the St. Louis Exposition. In 1908 he was one of the two presidential electors-at-large on the republican ticket in Illinois and in 1909 was appointed by Governor Deneen as a member of the State Board of Equalization to succeed the late John S. Cruttenden deceased.

Mr. Kespohl was influential in the republican party for many years, several times serving as chairman of the Adams County Central Committee, but in 1912, feeling completely out of sympathy with the dominant standards of the republican party and feeling that no relief from the corruption and inefficiency of government was possible through the medium of either of the old parties, he entered the movement for the organization of the progressive party and served upon its Executive Committee in this state, organizing some sixteen or seventeen counties in the western part of the state in its interest. In 1914 he became that party's candidate for Congress in the Fifteenth Congressional district.

He has been for many years a director of the Civic Improvement League of Quincy and the Quincy Park and Boulevard Association, and is a member of a number of national organizations such as the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the National Economic League, the League of Free Nations Association, the National Geographic Association, the National Humane Society and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. He is a charter member of the local chapter of the Red Cross Society, is on its Board of Directors and is a member of its Executive Committee. Fraternally Mr. Kespohl belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons and the Knights of Pythias. Religiously, true to the faith in which he was reared, he is a Unitarian.

JOHN C. VOGEL, who is now living retired in his beautiful country home in Melrose Township, has been a factor in this section of Adams County for many years. His associates speak of Mr. Vogel as a man, meaning thereby not only



his physical strength but strength of determination, of purposeful conduct, and of notable public spirit displayed in his effort to advance wherever possible the welfare of the community.

He is one of the older native sons of Adams County and was born here April 3, 1848, so that he is now at the age of three score and ten. He was the oldest of six children, three sons and four daughters, whose parents were Louis and Elizabeth (Weidemann) Vogel. The other children are still living: Regina, wife of Adam Helfrich, of Quincy, living in Quincy, widow of Adam Shope; Elizabeth, of Quincy; Mary, wife of Joseph Eiff, of Quincy; and Anton, who is married and a farmer in Melrose Township.

Louis Vogel was born in Alsace, Germany. When nine years old he came with his parents to the United States, the voyage lasting for eight or ten weeks before they reached New Orleans. From there they came up the river to Quincy, and the family settled 120 acres of timbered land in Melrose Township. They endured the discomforts of life in a log cabin home for some years, and in clearing away the woods and tilling the land into cultivation they contributed a laborious and worthy share to what Adams County now represents in the way of agricultural development. Louis Vogel was educated in the German language and gave his active years to agricultural pursuits. He was a democrat, and he and his wife were members of St. Antonius Catholic parish. His wife was born near the City of Bremen, Germany.

John C. Vogel was born and reared in Adams County and was educated in both the German and English schools. He had a comfortable home during his youth but when he started out in life for himself he took no capital with him and had to earn every step of advancement for himself. After he married he and his wife put up with the barest comforts of existence until they could get and pay for better things, and the farm where Mr. Vogel lives today, comprising eighty-four acres of good land on the State Aid road, is a monument to the years of toil and self denial of both himself and wife.

In April, 1874, he married Miss Mary Kreger. Five children, three sons and two daughters, were born to them, and all are living. John C., Jr., who had his education in the parochial schools, has developed much ability as a practical farmer, is active manager of his father's estate, and enjoys a good name and reputation in the community. He married October 9, 1912, Miss Regina Meyer, who was born in Adams County August 13, 1881, and was educated in the parochial schools. Her father is a resident of Melrose Township. She and her husband are active members of St. Antonius parish, and he is a member of St. Anthony's Branch No. 51, while she is active in the Christian Mothers' Society.

The daughter Elizabeth is the wife of Joseph Sohn, of Quincy, and has three children, Johnnie, Clara and Alice. The next in age, Catherine, married Fred Zehnle, a farmer of Melrose Township, and they have a little daughter, Irma. Anthony, the fourth child, is employed at the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, and married Miss Clara Talken. Henry, the youngest of the family, is a farmer in Melrose Township, and by his marriage to Miss Catherine Wand has two children, Boniface and Elizabeth. All the children are members of St. Antonius parish.

Mrs. John C. Vogel was born in Adams County in 1855 and died November 2, 1892. She was a kind and loving wife and mother and poor people always found in her a friend in time of need. A handsome monument in St. Antonius Cemetery marks her last resting place.

A number of years ago Mr. Vogel bought forty acres of his present farm, and later he bought the interest of other heirs, going heavily in debt, paying high interest, and only as a result of energy, toil and economy did he establish his present home and provide so liberally for his growing family. He has always taken a keen interest in community improvements, especially good highways. He is a democratic voter and is a member of St. Nicholas Branch No. 1 of the Western Catholic Union at Quincy. His farm is well adapted to grain



of all kinds and fruit, and he is now retired and content to see its management in the hands of his capable sons.

**BERNARD H. MILLER.** By reason of a continuous service and work as a pharmacist and druggist for over fifty years, Bernard H. Miller undoubtedly is the dean of his profession in this city, and probably more people know his name and his store than any other local institution in the business district.

In his long and successful career a tremendous amount of energy has been developed and successfully directed by this Quincy man, who was born at Norden, Germany, January 4, 1848, and was brought as an infant by his parents to America. The Miller family located at Quincy April 15, 1850. Here he first became conscious of the realities of existence. The playtime of youth was not long with him, and his schooling was confined to a few brief terms. One of his early experiences as a boy was selling newspapers on the McCune line of packets during the Civil war.

One of the most important dates in his history was March 1, 1864. It was on that day that he went to work in the drug store of Adolph Zimmerman at 504 Hampshire Street. The next fall he found employment in the laboratory of Jacob S. Merrill in St. Louis, and found opportunities for wider experience and training later in the laboratories of E. J. Williamson in the same city. Mr. Miller was one of the original members of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

Returning to Quincy in 1866, he went to work as pharmacist for Rutherford, Hurlbert & Company, later with Sommer & Metz, until about three years later he formed a partnership with George Terdenge and bought a store at Ninth and Broadway. In 1874 the business was organized under the firm name of Sommer, Miller & Terdenge, and they established a store at 502 Maine Street, where they conducted the largest retail drug house in Quincy. Various changes have been made from time to time in the firm. In 1875 Albert Sellner took the place of Mr. Sommer in the firm, and on January 1, 1884, W. H. Arthur bought out the Terdenge interest. On January 1, 1889, Miller & Arthur became sole proprietors of the business.

In 1900 the Miller & Arthur Drug Company was incorporated, electing B. H. Miller as president, which position he has held ever since. In 1916 the drug business of Miller & Arthur Drug Company moved to 520-522 Maine Street.

It is not alone through the drug business that Mr. Miller has made an impress upon the life and affairs of Quincy. He was one of the organizers of the original Board of Commerce. He was also a member of the committee which organized the public demonstration when the Quincy Soldiers' Home was dedicated, and for a number of years his services were called to the front to assist in making a success of practically every public demonstration and of public cause undertaken in the city. He was chairman of the committee which in ten days raised the fund of \$100,000 for the Young Men's Christian Association Building in March, 1911.

Mr. Miller married twice. On June 6, 1872, he was married to Harriet Henshall, of Quincy, Illinois. They became the parents of two daughters and one son. The two daughters, Mrs. Cora A. Rapp, of Springfield, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Toma H. Gilbert, of Chicago, Illinois, are survivors of this first marriage. The son, Bernard H., Jr., passed away in 1914. Mr. Miller's present wife was formerly Mrs. F. H. Connelly, of Red Bluff, California.

**J. WILLIAM LOOS.** The farm now owned and occupied by J. William Loos as his home and place of business is on the township line between Melrose and Fall Creek, his home being in the former township. Competent judges speak of it as one of the best farms in that productive section. It contains a set of splendid buildings, and much of the present condition is due to the industry and good judgment of Mr. Loos.

Mr. Loos is member of one of the widely known families of Adams County,

and several other members of his relationship are referred to on other pages of this publication. Mr. Loos was born on the old Loos farm in this county August 8, 1870, and he is a son of Frederick Loos. He grew up on a farm, gained his education in the local schools, and at the age of twenty-four started independent farming as a renter. Then in 1896 he bought eighty acres of the William Wand farm of 200 acres. He had only \$2,500 in capital and went in debt heavily for the balance. He has made money through horses and cattle and general farming, and long since paid off his obligations upon it. He also has additional land formerly owned by his wife's father, William Speckhart. Mr. Loos remodeled the house and has continued many other improvements from the condition in which they were left by the former owner.

At the age of twenty-four Mr. Loos married Miss Mollie K. Speckhart, a daughter of William Speckhart, now a retired resident of Quincy elsewhere referred to in these pages. Mr. and Mrs. Loos have a happy family of children named Fred, Anna, Edna, Viola, Wilbert, Ida, Carl, Mollie, Edgar, William, Irene and Hilda. Mr. Loos is a democrat, has served as road commissioner, and is a member and trustee of the Bluff Hall Congregational Church.

WILLIAM SPECKHART, now living retired in a comfortable home at 520 South Twelfth Street in Quincy, is a member of that numerous and prominent Speckhart family whose activities and citizenship have been prominently sketched at various points in this history.

Mr. William Speckhart was born in Fall Creek Township February 24, 1851, the youngest son of John and Eva Speckhart. He was reared and educated there and since reaching his majority has been one of the successful farmers. He settled on part of the old homestead and still owns 154 acres. He has used his judgment to assist him in selecting farms in the most fertile district of the county, and has assisted several of their children in securing fine farms of their own. Mr. Speckhart was an active farmer until 1916, having spent forty-three years as an Adams County agriculturist. He has never sought public office but is a trustee of Bluff Hall Congregational Church.

At the age of twenty-two he married Miss Margaret Reich, daughter of John Reich. Mrs. John Reich is still living on a farm adjoining that of William Speckhart. Margaret Reich was born there June 20, 1851, and she and her husband grew up from childhood in the same locality. Mr. and Mrs. Speckhart lost four children in infancy and childhood and have five living: Mollie is the wife of William Loos, of Melrose Township, and they have twelve children. William Speckhart lives in Fall Creek Township, two miles east of Marblehead, married Laura Loos, a sister of William Loos, above mentioned, and their three sons are Edwin, Herbert and Fred. John Speckhart lives on the old farm in Fall Creek Township, and by his marriage to Nellie Ruby, of Payson Township, has a daughter, Wilma. Sadie is at home with her parents. Margaret married Fred Heelcher, a stove salesman at Quincy, and they have two children, Merle and Marian.

WILBER L. MYERS. The old Myers homestead in Gilmer Township is now owned and occupied by Wilber L. Myers, who was born there and has spent nearly all his life from childhood to the present in that environment. It is unnecessary to repeat here what has been told on other pages concerning his parentage, his brothers and sisters, but it should be noted that Mr. Myers is well worthy of membership in such an old and splendid family, and has contributed his share of the activities by which this family name is so well known in eastern Adams County.

The old Myers homestead is fourteen miles east of Quincy, two miles north of Broadway and three miles southwest of Columbus. On that farm Wilber L. Myers was born November 3, 1871. It has been his home continuously except for the twelve years from 1894 to 1905, during which time he rented other farms in Gilmer and Burton Township, and also spent one season in Colorado. In



1905 he bought the interests of the other heirs in the homestead. His father had secured this land in about 1855, and had spent fifty years of his life there. During that time the wild lands had been converted into productive fields and some of the improvements still stand, including the substantial house erected in 1882 and the barn built even earlier. Wilber Myers has continued to improve the estate, has erected a new barn, and has also constructed a new tenant house and complete equipment. His farm comprises 207 acres devoted to general farming, his chief revenues coming from hogs, which he raises to the number of 150 or 200 every year. Mr. Myers has not been an office seeker, has been satisfied to express his citizenship through those influences he can bestow upon all worthy enterprises in the community and a general helpfulness to his neighbors and as a patriotic American. He and his wife are both active in the Mount Pleasant Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Myers is past noble grand and has sat in the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Myers is chairman of the Mount Pleasant Red Cross Society. Mr. Myers enjoys outdoor life and his favorite recreation is hunting and fishing.

In 1904, at the age of thirty-three, he married Miss Laura Abel, of Burton Township, daughter of Joseph Abel. Mrs. Myers was the only child of her parents.

**CHRISTIAN F. MAST.** There was a time when farm life in Illinois was one of continuous hard work and more or less social exclusion, but no better proof is needed to mark the change than is afforded in Melrose Township by such careful and progressive agriculturists as Christian F. Mast. On a finely improved estate located in a section of the county where public spirit is indicated by its material improvements Mr. Mast has lived for more than half a century, and in that time has proved that farming is not only one of the most profitable of occupations but the most independent.

Mr. Mast was born in Adams County, Illinois, January 15, 1850, and is the third in a family of five children, two sons and three daughters, born to Casper and Rosena (Dold) Mast. Three of the children are still living: Mary, wife of Joseph Heckle, a retired citizen of Quincy; Christian F.; and Victoria, wife of Ben Heckle, a justice of the peace in Quincy.

The late Casper Mast was born in Baden, Germany, was educated in the German language, and when a young man came to the United States. He crossed the Atlantic in one of the old slow-going sailing vessels, and the voyage was one of six months duration. He landed at New Orleans and from there came up the river to Illinois. His first land was in section 31 of Melrose Township, Adams County, where he acquired 160 acres. It was at a time and place when all this region was little better than an unbroken wilderness, covered with heavy timber. It was characteristic of most of these early German settlers to look for "wood and water," and sixty years ago the original Mast homestead answered these requirements to the letter. Casper Mast became owner of a farm of 220 acres in that township, and proved in every way a successful agriculturist as well as a man of such character and qualities as to gain the general respect of the community in which he lived. He was a devout member of St. Boniface Catholic Church at Quincy. He died about 1885, and is at rest in St. Boniface Cemetery. His wife was also a native of Baden, and distinguished herself as a kind Christian mother, and the grateful memories of her children follow her.

Christian F. Mast grew up on his father's farm, and had a good education in the common schools, supplemented by a term in Bryant & Stratton Business College. Otherwise his entire active career has been spent as an agriculturist. He owns ninety-nine acres of fine land in Melrose Township, and he used such intelligence in its management that its products furnished ample provision for all the needs of a growing family. Besides general crops Mr. Mast has been a successful stockman and has given special attention to Jersey cattle and Poland China hogs. His career has been a reward of honest, self-sustaining



industry. When he was eighteen years old he began working at monthly wages of \$15 a month. Two years later he started farming on his own account. His father let him have a team, and a spur to his industry was a debt of \$100. His first purchase of corn was 100 bushels, which cost him \$95. He bought this corn from Will Perkins.

On February 10, 1870, Mr. Mast married Miss Mary Freese. The best evidence of Mr. Mast's success in life will be found in the noble family of sons and daughters who have grown up around him. Altogether there were nine children, six sons and three daughters, and seven are still living, two dying in infancy. The following is a brief individual record of these children. Besides his living sons and daughters Mr. Mast has a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The oldest is William Mast, who is engaged in ice cream manufacturing at Quincy. He was educated in the common schools, is a democrat in politics, and is very active in the Catholic Church and its different organizations. He is a member of St. Boniface Church, is a Knight of Columbus and a member of the Western Catholic Union, and was financial secretary of the latter for fifteen years. He is married and has ten living children. His wife was formerly Miss Frances Herold.

Benjamin C., the second child, lives in Ellington Township, owns a large farm and uses motor power wherever possible. He has a fine herd of cattle and is an all around successful farmer. He is married and has one son, Roy. His wife was formerly Miss Rose Lacke. They are members of St. Francis Catholic Church. He is also a member of the Western Catholic Union.

Casper, a farmer in section 19 of Melrose Township, is one of the prominent men of that locality. His home on South Thirty-sixth Street is noted for its hospitality and is modern in every way, with electric lights, bath, running water and furnace. He is a farmer who makes a specialty of Jersey cattle, thoroughbred and in the Register of Merit, Class A. A. At present he holds the office of food administrator for the township, and is also a school trustee. He is a member of Branch No. 30 of the Western Catholic Union, and of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He and his wife have five children. His wife was formerly Miss Nellie Chase.

Mary, the only daughter, married L. F. Albers, and they reside at Fort Madison, Iowa, where Mr. Albers is in the grocery business and is present city clerk of that municipality. They are devout members of St. Mary's Catholic Church and are parents of two children.

Christian C. was educated in the parochial school and also in the Gem City Business College and for fifteen years was general sales manager for the Williamson Produce Company. Since the death of C. H. Williamson he has had a clerical position with the Pape and Loos Milling Company, Mr. Pape being his father-in-law. He is married to Miss Jessie Pape, and has two children. He is a Knight of Columbus, a member of the Western Catholic Union, and of St. Francis Church. He lives in Quincy.

Lawrence, who is now manager of his father's farm, had a common school education and has developed into a splendid practical farmer. He is a breeder of Jersey cattle, line bred, and his cows are the Register of Merit, Class A. A. He is married and has two children, his wife being formerly Miss Ida Dunker. They are members of St. Mary's Church, and he is also a member of the Western Catholic Union.

Clarence F., the youngest child, lives on his fifteen acre farm on South Twenty-Fourth Street in Melrose. He also is a capable agriculturist and has all the qualities of a successful farmer. Besides his own place he is farming the Erke estate. He has a modern home, his wife being formerly Miss Helen Thieman, of Quincy. They are members of St. Mary's Church. He is a Knight of Columbus, also a member of the Western Catholic Union.

Mrs. Mast, the mother of these children was born in Quincy August 1, 1850, and was educated both in the German and English schools. For over thirty

years she held up her noble part as wife and mother and homemaker, and it was not alone in her own family that she was missed when she died suddenly August 8, 1902. Her remains were laid to rest in St. Boniface Cemetery. Her family was always with her the first consideration and object of her care.

Mr. Christian Mast has shared many of the honors and responsibilities of good American citizenship. A democrat in politics, he cast his first presidential vote for Tilden more than forty years ago. He served several years as a tax collector, twenty-four years as township clerk, three years as road commissioner, twenty years as president of school trustees, and he is now chairman of the school board, and for twenty years has been trustee of St. Mary's Catholic Church. For the past eight years among other duties he has acted as justice of the peace. In his party he served as delegate to numerous county conventions. He is now living in comfort on his beautiful estate in Melrose Township, and has well earned the esteem of his neighbors and friends by a life of honest and upright integrity and earnest and fruitful effort.

WILLIAM W. WILLIAMS, M. D. Of the men devoted to the practice of medicine in Adams County few brought to bear upon their calling larger gifts of scholarship and personal resources than Doctor Williams, who has been in practice at Quincy more than twenty-four years, and a member of the medical profession over thirty-five years. His home and offices are at 1250 Maine Street.

An authentic genealogy is extant showing that Doctor Williams is one of the descendants of the great Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island and Providence Plantation. Some eight or nine generations separate the Quincy physician from that pioneer character whose name is made familiar to every American school child. As Roger Williams was a pioneer in exploration and discovery as well as in the domain of religion and thought, so the pioneer instinct has descended to his descendants and was notably expressed by Doctor Williams' grandfather, Gamaliel B. Williams, who became one of the first pioneer settlers of Louisa County, Iowa. He went to the Territory of Iowa from Indiana, and settled at what is now Columbus City. That was then a district inhabited by Indians and wild animals, and was a lonely and isolated prairie on which he established his first home. Gamaliel Barstow Williams had the sturdiness of character which enabled him to endure the sufferings of the first settlers, and he not only made a good home but bore himself as a substantial citizen in his enlarging community. He died there when past fourscore years of age. In nearly all the generations of the family its members have been noted for their remarkable strength and athletic prowess. Gamaliel B. Williams married a Miss Hall, whose father, James Hall, was also of New England stock. She died in Iowa some years before her husband, when past forty years of age. Both had become converted to the preachings of Alexander Campbell, founder of the Christian Church, and Grandfather Williams was for many years an elder in the church.

At the old homestead in Iowa Dr. Wright Williams, father of the Quincy physician, was born nearly eighty years ago. That old homestead is still kept by the family. Dr. Wright Williams grew up in his native town, studied medicine under a prominent local practitioner, Doctor Overholtz, and after his marriage practiced there until 1867, when he removed to Unionville, Putnam County, Missouri, and for nearly half a century was one of the leading men of his profession in that part of Missouri. He died at Harris, Missouri, March 28, 1918. He was an official member of the Christian Church for many years. In Iowa Dr. Wright Williams married Sarah S. Geisinger, who was born near Medina County, Ohio, daughter of John and Lydia (Overholt) Geisinger, who were of Pennsylvania Dutch stock and spent their last years in Missouri. Mrs. Sarah Williams is still living at the age of seventy-five.

Dr. William W. Williams was born at Columbus City, Iowa, July 4, 1861, and was six years old when his parents moved to Unionville, Missouri. His early home influence were calculated to bring out the best in his talents and



abilities, and from the local schools he entered the University of Iowa, where he graduated in medicine in 1884. Later he took post-graduate studies in the New York Polyclinic and at Chicago. For several years he practiced with his father, spent four years in professional work at Wichita, Kansas, and in October, 1894, came to Quincy, where his reputation as a capable medical man and surgeon has been steadily growing. During most of these years he has been a member of the surgical staff of Blessing Hospital, is a leading member of the County and State Medical societies and a member of the American Medical Association. Since he was seventeen years old Doctor Williams has been a working member of the Christian Church, and for years has held the post of deacon and trustee in that church. Mrs. Williams is a member of the same church.

Doctor Williams married Anna Tatman, member of one of the substantial families of Unionville, Missouri. She was born in Illinois, daughter of James E. and Lavina Tatman. Mrs. James E. Tatman is seventy-nine years old and has made her home with Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Williams since the death of her husband, James E. Tatman, July 31, 1916. To the marriage of Doctor and Mrs. Williams were born five children, one now deceased. Their daughter Nita is the wife of Judge Fred G. Wolf, of Quincy. Doctor and Mrs. Williams have two soldier representatives in the family. The son James R. is a graduate of the Quincy High School and the State University of Illinois, and is now president of the Ellington Electric Company of Quincy. He volunteered and entered the School of Artillery at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, and was in training when the armistice was signed. He married Florence Halbach, and they have one daughter, Constance. The second son, Robert T., is in the Observation Balloon Works and was at the front under fire for four months. This son is a graduate of the high school, spent one year in the University of Illinois and two years in Leland Stanford University in California, and is a member of the Observation Balloon Corps with rank of first lieutenant. He married Marjorie Curry, of California. They have one son, Robert T. Williams, Jr. Doctor Williams' youngest son, Gordon H. Williams, age fifteen years, is a student in the Quincy High School.

GEORGE HUBER is one of the well known residents of Melrose Township, and occupies a fine farm that has been in the ownership of the Huber family for over sixty years.

He was born on that farm September 16, 1858, son of Lawrence and Elizabeth (Zoph) Huber, the former a native of Baden and the latter of Bavaria. After coming to Adams County they settled in the woods of Melrose Township, having only a one-room log house as a home, and there Lawrence Huber carried on the activities which were interrupted by his early death about 1860. He left his widow with seven children. His widow died in 1896, at the age of seventy-two. Their seven children were: Virginia, who married Fred Wellmann and died in middle life; Adam Huber, who died at the age of sixty-one in Melrose Township; John, of Montana; Mary, Mrs. Fred Jeddy, of Palmyra, Missouri; Lawrence, of Quincy; George; and Lizzie, Mrs. Martin Wolf, who lives on the Payson Road in Melrose Township.

Adam Huber married Elizabeth Rupp. He was a farmer and spent his last days with his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Ehrhardt. His wife died in Quincy. Adam Huber had two daughters, Mary and Sophia, the latter the wife of Joseph Ehrhardt and the former unmarried.

George Huber has spent all his life on the old farm of 105 acres, buying out the other interests at the death of his parents. He erected a good house and barn, and has devoted his attention steadily to the business of farming. He has served as school director. On November 15, 1885, he married Miss Frances Meyer, daughter of Landon and Katie (Ohnemus) Meyer. She was born in Burton Township. They have two living children. George is now in Camp



Grant in the United States army. Lura married Frank Bockhold, son of Henry Bockhold, and has two children, Sylvester and Henry.

JOSEPH EHRRHARDT carries the heavy responsibilities of managing and operating a large farm in Melrose Township ten miles southeast of Quincy. Mr. Ehrhardt has made a success of farming and his farm and home bear many evidences of his unusual enterprise and progressive energies.

Mr. Ehrhardt is a son of the late Philip Ehrhardt, whose life story is subject of a sketch on other pages. Joseph was born on a farm adjoining his present place June 22, 1869. He lived at home until his marriage, which occurred February 9, 1897. Mrs. Ehrhardt bore the maiden name of Sophia Huber, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Rupp) Huber, a family elsewhere referred to.

After his marriage Mrs. Ehrhardt settled on the farm where he now lives. This is the old King farm, and had been owned by Philip Ehrhardt for the preceding seven years. The King farm contains 146 acres, and Mr. Joseph Ehrhardt has subsequently added ninety acres adjoining on the south. He bought the ninety acres at \$33 an acre. Mr. King, the former owner, built the house, which occupies a slight elevation some distance back from the road. This house has been remodeled by its present owners, and Mr. Ehrhardt has also added extensively to the farm equipment, including a substantial cow barn, silo and other facilities. He keeps a herd of from thirty to forty graded Guernsey cattle, and milks about fifteen cows. For many years he has made and sold to a special line of customers his butter, which commands fancy prices. He also keeps some fifty or sixty head of hogs, and markets about that number every year. Mr. Ehrhardt is not an office seeker, and is content to support the policies of the democratic party as a citizen. He and his family are members of St. Antonius Catholic Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ehrhardt have a family of nine children, all of them at home. Their names in order of birth are Lawrence Adam, Henry Philip, Wilfrieda Elizabeth, Leonard George, Philip Harmon, Agnes Frances, Justine Catherine, Wilbur John and Mary Cecelia.

WILLIAM HENRY BARNARD. For nearly fourscore years the interests and associations of the Barnard family have been with Pleasant View locality Section 23, in Liberty Township, formerly known as Barnard Postoffice, two and a half miles east of Liberty Village. The Barnards are a family whose history will be read with interest and instruction. Each generation has fulfilled its part in the work and citizenship of the community. In some respects there has been a steady progress, so that each successive generation has been a little better off and a little better able to render service to themselves and to the community than the one preceding. In many families unfortunately the reverse is true.

William Henry Barnard represents the third generation in Adams County, and his son, now a prominent railway official, is of the fourth generation.

The family history may properly begin with the name Jason Barnard, a native of Virginia. He married Jency Carter. They lived for some years near Lexington, Kentucky, where William Barnard was born December 18, 1825. In 1831, when William was six years old, the family came west by the familiar means of transportation then available, horses and wagons, and settled in Ralls County, Missouri. Marion, a brother of William, was carried all the way by his mother on horseback. The family lived in Missouri until the fall of 1842, when Jason Barnard secured a tract of land now contained in the Barnard homestead in Liberty Township. William was then a boy of seventeen, and he always remembered one part of the preliminary work done on the land, the digging of a well. Of Jason's brothers one, Jonathan, remained in Missouri, another, Thomas, moved to Iowa, and still another, Calvin, lived in Indiana. Jason spent the rest of his days on the old farm in Liberty Township and died there in 1879, in his eighty-fourth year. His wife died in 1866, at the age of sixty-eight. The land of the original home was originally prairie, and all the



*Wm Barnard*





buildings first put there are now gone. William had constructed a small house for his father's comfort in old age, and that house is still in use as an outside apartment. Jason's children were: Guilford, who went to Oregon at the age of twenty-five and died aged eighty-two; Emily, who died a young woman; Nancy spent most of her life in Adams County, married Wallace Shohoney and died when past eighty years; William; Marion, who served in the Civil war and died in Adams County November 14, 1916, at the age of eighty-six; Fanny who married Andrew Casey and died in young womanhood; Eliza, who married Anson Welte, and died when past sixty; Calvin, who was a Union soldier and gave his life as a sacrifice to his country during the war; and Maria, who married Martin McRae and went to Kansas, where she died at a ripe old age.

William Barnard, of the second generation in Adams County, grew up at a time and in an environment which almost precluded his gaining an education. The fact is that when he married he was unable to write his name, and his wife laboriously taught him the art of writing. Later, by much application, he became well informed, and was a highly intelligent and useful citizen. He married November 2, 1845, when only twenty years of age. His wife was Elizabeth Pearce, who was born in Tennessee November 16, 1824, daughter of Joshua and Sarah Pearce, who came from Tennessee prior to 1842 and settled in Liberty Township. After his marriage William Barnard settled on land owned by his father, most of it in the timber, and he had to cut away the trees and grub out the stumps to make it available for crops. In course of time he had a good farm. In 1877 he returned to the old homestead to care for his father. At that time he opened a stock of general merchandise and also began the construction of the present home on the farm. Two years later the merchandise was established in a store building of its own near the house. In 1894 the original building was struck by lightning and burned, entailing a loss of all the stock. On June 22, 1882, William Barnard was commissioned postmaster at Barnard, his commission being signed by the then postmaster general, Timothy Howe. Barnard Postoffice continued on the official list of postoffices and also as a community center until the service was supplanted by the rural free delivery in 1904. In 1902 William Barnard gave up his office and was succeeded by his son William H., who was postmaster until free delivery started. After the store was struck by lightning it was rebuilt, but was located on a corner a few rods distant from the old site. When the postoffice was discontinued the stock of merchandise was sold. After leaving the postoffice William Barnard lived quietly retired. He was a republican practically all his life. He was reared a democrat, but was so impressed by observation of events at a democratic barbecue when he was young that he changed his party. He was one of the original members of the Pleasant View Baptist Church, situated a half mile from his home, and was a trustee of the church the rest of his life. He grew up in a pioneer time when every boy was supposed to know how to handle a gun. He became a fine marksman, and in early years killed many deer, and kept up his practice with the rifle until failing eyesight and old age compelled him to desist. His wife died in 1895 and he died January 16, 1917, in his ninety-second year.

The children of William Barnard and wife were: Amelia, unmarried and still at the old home; Philip, who died at the age of six years; William H.; Charles W., in business at Liberty Village; Oliver G., formerly a merchant and now owner of the waterworks plant at Orient in the State of Washington; and Maria, who died in 1885 aged twenty-nine years.

William Henry Barnard was born on the old farm March 18, 1855. He made the most of his limited advantages in school, has always keenly realized the value of a good education, and his liberal assistance to his son to realize the best possible training has been well rewarded by the latter's career. William H. Barnard has spent all his life on the old home farm, has superintended its cultivation, and managed both his father's and his grandfather's places. His residence is on a tract of land which has been in the family possession now for seventy-seven years.

March 2, 1880, Mr. Barnard married Miss Mary Miller, who was born in the same community March 22, 1858, a daughter of Fred Miller, one of the prominent old residents of Liberty Township. The old Fred Miller home is now owned by Mrs. Barnard and the other heirs.

William Frederick Barnard, only son and child of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Barnard, was born September 21, 1883. He was given all the advantages at home and in local schools and at the age of nineteen took a course in the Gem City Business College, graduating in 1904. Soon afterward he was employed as a clerk in the offices of the Wabash Railroad at Springfield in the maintenance of way department. Five months later he was promoted to the division point of that road at Decatur, and was soon chief clerk to the chief engineer. In 1915, when the general offices of the road were moved to St. Louis, Chief Engineer R. O. Howard called him to that point as his chief clerk, with corresponding increase of responsibility and salary. Then, with the new management of railroads under government supervision, Director General McAdoo appointed Mr. Barnard superintendent of insurance for the Wabash Railroad, his appointment taking effect October 15, 1918. His offices are in the Railway Exchange Building at St. Louis. At the age of thirty-five, therefore, he has risen to one of the important responsible positions in the great railway industry of the country. He lives in St. Louis, and has been married since December 8, 1910. He married Lena Mae Keown, who was born near Pattonsburg, Missouri.

**SAMUEL THOMPSON.** The name Thompson is one of the first to occur in the history of early settlement in Fall Creek Township. There have been a number of the family who have contributed their energies and enterprise to local developments. One of them was the late Samuel Thompson, whose son, Arthur J. Thompson, now owns and operates the old home farm fourteen miles south-east of Quincy.

Samuel Thompson was born August 27, 1852, on the farm where his son Arthur now lives. His parents were Josiah and Priscilla (Crandall) Thompson. The real pioneer of the family was Samuel Thompson, father of Josiah. Samuel was a Pennsylvanian. He married Cynthia Hewitt.

It was in 1832 that Samuel Thompson, the elder, came to Adams County, and bought land in section 23 of Fall Creek Township. His wife died there in 1852.

Josiah Thompson was born in Athens County, Ohio, May 20, 1823. He was a small boy when he came to Adams County. At the age of twenty-one he married Priscilla Crandall. It is said that she was the first white child born in Fall Creek Township. Her birth occurred August 27, 1825. She was the daughter of Rial and Anna Crandall, natives of New York State. Priscilla Thompson died May 2, 1871, and her husband December 30, 1875. Josiah Thompson was a whig and republican in politics and became one of the largest land owners in Adams County. He owned at one time 20,000 acres, most of it lying in the bottoms. He was a very ambitious and hard working man and had much to show for his energies. He was a member of the Fall Creek Methodist Church and was one of the men who vigorously upheld the cause of the Union during the Civil war. Of eight children only two are now living, Cynthia A., widow of Capt. M. W. Hughes and residing in Quincy, and Minnie, wife of George Myers, of Fall Creek Township. Mr. and Mrs. Myers live on the old Crocker property, where the noted mill once stood at the stone bridge. Another child now deceased was Mary Evaline, who married James Groves.

Samuel Thompson, son of Josiah and Priscilla, married Sarah Bennington, daughter of John and Martha Bennington. Her father came from England, lived for a number of years in Missouri, but spent his last years with Mrs. Thompson. Mrs. Thompson was born one mile west of Payson on the Quincy Road. She died March 16, 1917.

Samuel Thompson took possession of the old homestead in 1879, having 160 acres under his management, and later he acquired 160 acres in the bottoms of



Fall Creek. He was a very progressive man, and did a great deal in his brief lifetime. He died in California March 15, 1887, at the age of thirty-five. He owned a ten acre orange grove at San Bernardino, California. After his death his widow returned to Adams County and died just thirty years after him.

Of the three children Arthur J. Thompson is the oldest. The two daughters were Lucy Rose and Alma. Both graduated from the Payson High School and subsequently taught in the grade schools of Quincy, while Lucy Rose taught for three years in the Springfield public schools. She is now the wife of Dr. C. C. Atherton, assistant superintendent of the State School for the Feeble Minded at Lincoln, Illinois. The daughter Alma married Dr. Ralph T. Hinton, also a prominent physician and specialist and now superintendent of the Elgin Insane Asylum.

Arthur J. Thompson was born January 13, 1881, on the old farm, graduated from the Payson High School, and for twelve years has been in the railway mail service, his run being between Hannibal and Chicago on the Wabash. For ten years of that time he lived at Quincy. In those twelve years he experienced only one serious wreck. This occurred at Griggsville when the train jumped the track while crossing a trestle, but the engine did not turn over until it reached firm ground. The engineer was killed and the fireman crippled.

For the past two years Mr. Thompson has managed the home farm. He is a general farmer and horticulturist. He has an orchard of eight acres, chiefly in apples, and his apple crop runs between 900 and 1,200 barrels annually. It was 1,200 barrels in 1918. It is a commercial proposition, and he usually sells the fruit on the trees to buyers, though occasionally the apples have been packed on the farm and marketed by Mr. Thompson. He also raises much stock, including hogs, and has a thorough equipment of hog buildings. The substantial house was built by his mother about 1892, and there is a generous equipment of other buildings.

June 4, 1913, Mr. Thompson married Inez Carter. Her father is A. M. Carter, of Plainville, a well known Payson Township citizen elsewhere referred to.

JOHN PHILIP EHRRHARDT. The brief story is told on other pages of the late Philip Ehrhardt and his struggles as a poor man to found and establish a home and the successful issues of his life. His son John Philip Ehrhardt has much the same force of character and ability, and in fifteen years has, from a start of practically a landless man, accumulated one of the good farms in Melrose Township. His home is 7½ miles southeast of Quincy on rural route No. 5.

Mr. Ehrhardt was born nearby April 16, 1875, son of Philip and Justina (Mast) Ehrhardt. His boyhood was spent at the old home, and for one year he had charge of the homestead for his father.

On April 16, 1902, on his twenty-seventh birthday he married Miss Frances Dietrich, daughter of Nicholas Dietrich, a well known citizen whose career is taken up individually elsewhere. The Dietrich home is seven miles east of Quincy on the State Street road. During the two years after his marriage Mr. Ehrhardt farmed the old homestead, and in the fall of 1903 bought his present farm. This is the old Jacob Krapp farm, owned many years ago also by Levi Wolf. It contains 120 acres and Mr. Ehrhardt went in debt for the entire purchase price of \$6,000. He has rebuilt the house and barn, made many other improvements, and has paid out completely on the land, a record which shows the possibilities of modern farming even in an era of high prices. He does general farming, raises a great deal of grain, has twenty or thirty fat hogs for the market every year, and conducts a small creamery with Guernsey grade cows. He milks several cows and sells cream.

Mr. Ehrhardt has also been a participant in public affairs. In 1912-13 he was tax collector, and turned into the county treasury between \$17,000 and \$18,000. In politics he is a democrat, and with his family is a member of St. Antonius Catholic Church.



Mr. and Mrs. Ehrhardt had six children. Wilfried, the oldest, died from an operation for appendicitis January 18, 1917, at the age of fourteen. The other children, all at home, are Isabel, born in 1905; Edward, born in 1908; Alfred, born in 1911; Jerome, born in 1914; and Elnora, born in 1916.

**CHARLES H. HIRTH.** This is the name of a family that came from Germany seventy or more years ago, were early settlers in Adams County, by thrift and industry made good and has long been identified with the best citizenship of their respective localities.

Now living on a farm adorned with handsome buildings and with splendid improvements, in section 18 of Ellington Township, Charles H. Hirth was born on Mill Creek in Melrose Township October 22, 1852. He is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Mause) Hirth. They were born in provinces along the River Rhine in Germany and were young when they came with their respective parents to America. Jacob Hirth made the voyage on a sailing vessel, being eleven weeks before landing at New Orleans. The family came up the river to St. Louis, where they remained for some time. Jacob was a carriage maker by trade, but his father was a farmer and finally left St. Louis to bring his family to Adams County. He located on a farm. Jacob Hirth married in Quincy and followed his trade there for a number of years. In 1861 he moved to a farm on Mill Creek in Melrose Township, and in 1865 went to Ellington Township, where he bought a good farm and was successful in its operation. His wife died there in 1870. Her parents, Henry Mause and wife, came direct from Germany to Adams County, and were among the pioneers along Mill Creek in Melrose Township. They were there at an early day and when the deer and wild turkey were so numerous that they had to be watched to keep them from eating the crops and grain. Henry Mause and wife died on their farm when in advanced years. Jacob Hirth died in 1908, at Quincy. He was a republican and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Charles H. Hirth grew up on a farm, received a common school education in Riverside and Ellington townships, and since then has been working hard to provide his home and prosperity. He and his wife have lived twenty-three years on their present farm. They erected a large eight-room house, two substantial barns, one 40 by 60 feet and the other 30 by 40 feet, and they have adorned their home by the planting of a large number of trees which now are stately and tall and furnish abundance of shade.

In Ellington Township Mr. Hirth married Miss Ella Berrian. She was born in that township and was educated there, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Anderson) Berrian, the former a native of New York State and the latter of Pennsylvania. Her parents were married in Ellington Township, and were farmers there. Her father died at the old homestead at the age of forty-four, and her mother survived to the venerable age of eighty-four. Her mother was a Presbyterian, and all but one of her seven children are living.

The oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Hirth is Charles E., who graduated from the Quincy High School and took medical studies at Chicago and St. Louis and in other medical schools, and for the past fifteen years has been a successful physician and surgeon in Utah, his home being at Vernal. He is unmarried. George Edgar, the second son, lives at home and runs the farm, and is also unmarried. Cora J. is the wife of Alfred Dairy of Grand Haven, Michigan. Ralph Earl is at home and married Eunice Platt. Mrs. Hirth is a Methodist. Mr. Hirth is a republican.

**FREDERICK LEPPER.** If true success consists in a steady betterment of one's material circumstances, a growing enlargement of views and increasing influence as a member of the community, the life of Frederick Lepper has been exceptionally successful by all the standards that might be applied to it.

Mr. Lepper is a native of Adams County, is a practical agriculturist of

Melrose Township, but for fourteen years lived at Quincy and was connected with the Gem City Stove Works.

He was born February 28, 1865, second in a family of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, whose parents were Frederick and Fredericka Ellerman Lepper. All the children are still living except one, and are residents of Melrose Township with one exception. This son is a rural mail carrier.

Frederick Lepper, Sr., was born in the Province of Westphalia, Germany. He was only a boy when he came to the United States, making the voyage on a sailing vessel, and was some weeks on the ocean before landing in New York City. He had no money and a brother sent him the means to complete his journey to Quincy. Here he began working for wages as a baker, and for a number of years was employed in the great stove works at Quincy. He made a success as a business man and eventually acquired a good farm of 160 acres in Melrose Township. He was a republican, a school director and a devoted friend of public education, and he and his wife were members of St. Jacob's Lutheran Church in Quincy. He died March 2, 1905. His remains are at rest in Woodland Cemetery. As a seal of his devotion to his adopted land he volunteered and served as a Union soldier in the Civil war, being in duty in the Trans-Mississippi Department until awarded his honorable discharge.

His wife was born in Germany and was eleven years old when brought to America. Her parents made the voyage in a sailing vessel and were twelve weeks on the ocean. The Ellerman family located in Adams County, where Mrs. Fredericka Lepper died in August, 1918. She was on the farm for many years. She did a noble part in rearing her large family of children, and was always ready to do kindness to any one in need in the community. She was seventy-five years old at the time of her death, had the strength of her mind unimpaired and was a devout worshiper in her church.

Mr. Frederick Lepper was educated in the Irwin School at Quincy and also in the Hickory Grove School. He has been a busy citizen since reaching his majority, and soon after attaining manhood he married and took upon himself the responsibilities of a home. November 28, 1887, he married Miss Fredericka A. Voth. Three children were born to them, two sons and one daughter. Alfred was educated in the public and parochial schools and is a practical farmer in Melrose Township. He is a republican, and he and his wife attend worship in the Lutheran Memorial Church. He married Miss Alice Wolfe. The daughter Alma is the wife of Leo Humphrey, a fruit grower and farmer in Melrose Township, but now in the motor truck department and in France. Mrs. Humphrey was educated in the Emerson School and in the country schools and received special training in music. The youngest of the family is Robert, who was educated in the common schools and is associated with his father on the farm. He is a member of Melrose Chapel.

Mrs. Lepper was born in Quincy June 17, 1867, daughter of Casper H. and Elizabeth (Mester) Voth. She was one of their nine children, four sons and five daughters. The five daughters are still living and all reside in Quincy except one, Elizabeth, widow of Prof. H. Rankohl. She is living in Detroit, Michigan. Professor Rankohl was a teacher and for many years identified with the work of the parochial schools. They had eight children, all living.

Casper H. Voth was born at Lippinghausen, Germany, and came to the United States soon after his marriage. A farmer by training, he was a poor man when he reached Quincy and for several years worked at any toil that would afford him an honest competence. He had been trained as a soldier in the German army. He was a republican, and he and his wife were members of St. Peter's German Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which he was a charter member. He died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Lepper August 4, 1905, and is at rest in Woodland Cemetery. Mrs. Voth died in Quincy December 3, 1900, aged seventy-six years.

Mrs. Lepper was educated in the common and parochial schools, and has



been a faithful and loving wife and mother all these years and has stood beside her husband in counsel and advice.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lepper made their home in Quincy for fifteen years, and from his earnings as an employe of the stove works accumulated the modest capital with which they bought their present farm of 120 acres. The Lepper farm is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the city limits on the extension of South Twenty-fourth Street. It is a very valuable farm and is managed to the acme of productiveness and its increasing value. Mr. Lepper specializes in Shorthorn cattle, while Mrs. Lepper has found both recreation and profit in a fine flock of Barred Rock chickens.

Mr. Lepper is a republican. He cast his first presidential vote for James G. Blaine in 1884, and has always been in sympathy with his party on its fundamental principles and policies. He and his wife are zealous advocates of the cause of public education and Mr. Lepper has served as a member of the school board. He is one of the men who recognize the necessity of Illinois getting into the list of good roads states, and has never lost an opportunity to advocate this desirable improvement. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lepper attend worship in Melrose Chapel.

**JOHN NORRIS.** One of the fine country homes in Columbus Township is found in section 16, owned by Mrs. Emma A. Norris, widow of the late John Norris, who was a capable and industrious citizen of the township for many years and enjoyed the high esteem of a large community.

The late John Norris, who died at the old home September 25, 1917, was born in Little York, Pennsylvania, July 17, 1848. He was left an orphan by the death of his father at the age of sixteen, his mother having died when he was four years old. His parents were William and Elizabeth (Cooper) Norris, both natives of Maryland but married in Pennsylvania. They were members of the Methodist Church. John Norris grew up in the home of an uncle, Thomas Norris, in Maryland, and had a farm training. In February, 1870, he and his cousin, James Norris, set out for the West, and arriving in Adams County John Norris went to work for David Pierce in Gilmer Township. Later he farmed on his own account, and on February 3, 1876, married Miss Emma A. Linn. They were married at the home of the bride in Columbus Township. Mrs. Norris was born on the farm where she now lives March 23, 1852. She was reared and educated here, and besides the local schools attended college at Abingdon. She was one of a large family of children. Her brother Amos and herself are the only ones living in Columbus Township in Adams County, the others being residents in other states.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris after their marriage farmed in Hancock County for one year, and then returned to her father's old farm in section 16 of Columbus Township. John Norris was successfully employed with the management of that place for nearly forty years. Mrs. Norris' father died November 7, 1881, at the age of seventy-seven years, six months and seventeen days. He was born in Ohio and married in Indiana Nancy Gant. She was a native of South Carolina, but was reared and married at Brookfield, Indiana. Four of their children were born in Indiana. The Linn family came to Adams County with wagons and teams during the '30s, and as pioneers they bought 200 acres of raw land in section 16 of Columbus Township. Mr. Linn improved this land, and also owned 160 acres in Hancock County. His widow, who was born in 1809, died at Camp Point May 4, 1904, at the venerable age of ninety-five years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Linn were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and they were noble, good people, with all the qualities of kindly neighbors and good citizens. Mr. Linn was a republican. The home in which Mrs. Norris and children now reside was built by her father more than seventy years ago. John Norris had the active management of this farm until about five years before his death. Mrs. Norris still owns 200 acres in the town and has capably managed her affairs with the assistance of her children.



Mrs. Norris had five children, but the only one now living is William A., who helps run the old farm. William married Lena Brackshick, of Columbus Township. Their children are Raymond, Ernest, Allen, Ethel, Ivan May and Beulah, the four older now in school. They also lost two children, Earl, at the age of four months, and Carl, in infancy. The four deceased children of Mrs. Norris were Nannie May, Clyde, Nellie and Walter. The last three died in infancy and Nannie May at the age of twenty. Mrs. Norris has a grandson, Henry Louis, son of her daughter, Nannie May. This grandson has been carefully reared by his grandmother and was twenty-one years of age in July, 1918. He is getting in readiness to enter training camp for military service.

OSCAR GUNTHER is of the third generation of the Gunther family in Adams County, and is the successful manager of the old Gunther homestead farm in Camp Point Township, a locality in which he has spent all his life. He is one of the younger men and at the same time one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers in Adams County.

His grandfather, Carl F. Gunther, was born in Germany January 2, 1793. He married Justina Renschel, a native of the same country. They lived in Germany until past middle life, and two of their sons came to Adams County before the parents. Their children were six in number: Dr. Julius Gunther, who arrived in New Orleans in 1851, and had a long and active career as a physician; Frederick Gunther, who came to America by way of New Orleans in 1852 and for many years was a well known resident of Honey Creek Township; Ernestine, who remained in Germany and died there in 1915, at the age of eighty years; Justina, who died in 1898; Louis; and Christina, wife of Christopher Nicolai.

Carl F. Gunther and wife arrived at New Orleans in 1853, and about six months later journeyed on up the Mississippi River, reaching Adams County in 1854. They bought their first land in Honey Creek Township, 160 acres, and developed and improved a fine farm comprising 320 acres. Carl F. Gunther spent his active life as a farmer and died near Coatsburg in 1881, at the age of eighty-eight. His wife died September 26, 1861, when about fifty-three.

Louis Gunther, a retired resident of Camp Point and father of Oscar Gunther, was born in Germany April 5, 1847, being six years old when his parents came to America. He grew up on the Honey Creek Township farm, and in 1869 moved to Camp Point Township to manage 160 acres which had been acquired by his father in 1865. He became owner of that land, and today he owns 235 acres in Camp Point Township and eighty acres in Honey Creek Township. Since 1917 he has given over the active responsibilities of the farm and enjoys the comforts of a good home in Camp Point. In politics Louis Gunther has been one of the loyal and steadfast republicans, casting his first presidential vote for General Grant about fifty years ago and never once failing to support a republican candidate for the presidency. In his home locality he served as road commissioner, director of school district No. 5, and was also a trustee of the township schools. He and his family are Lutherans.

Louis Gunther married for his first wife April 4, 1869, Caroline Girky, who died July 26, 1870. In October 26, 1871, he married Susan Hochever, who was born in Adams County, in Ellington Township, in 1853. Her parents, Simon and Margaret Hochever, located in Adams County about 1848 and were farmers in Ellington Township for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gunther were the parents of six children: Simon, a farmer; Clara, wife of Charles Dittmer, and they occupy the Gunther farm in Honey Creek Township; Kate, wife of John Schroeder, of Camp Point Township; Cora, wife of William Murrah, a farmer in Honey Creek Township; Oscar C.; and John, who died in infancy.

Oscar C. Gunther was born on the old homestead where he now lives April

14, 1887. While getting his education in the country school at Coatsburg he was also getting experience that has been valuable to him in his work as an agriculturist. For several years he has rented the homestead farm of 230 acres, and the results he obtains demonstrate his high class methods of farming. Mr. Gunther is a breeder of pure bred Polled Angus cattle and has about thirty-five head of this fine stock. He has most of his land under cultivation to the staple crops, but the revenue side of his farm operations is largely through livestock.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunther are members of the Lutheran Church. In 1917 he married Miss Emma Bauner, who was born in Camp Point Township, daughter of Andrew Bauner, a well known citizen of that locality elsewhere referred to.

**JOHN BRODERICK.** While the live and enterprising men of Columbus Township are under consideration special mention should be made of John Broderick and his fine country home in section 13. His farm comprises 200 acres. This is the old O'Reilly farm, later owned by the Dunlop heirs, from whom Mr. Broderick bought it in January, 1918. Mr. Broderick is one of the younger generation of farmers and is making headway by keeping high class livestock and pursuing all the most advanced methods of farm enterprise. His livestock consists of Poland China hogs, full blooded Polled Angus cattle and mixed breeds of horses. More than half his farm is under cultivation, and is productive of bountiful yields of crops.

Mr. Broderick has been a farmer all his active career and spent thirty-two years in McKee Township from childhood to mature manhood. He attended the rural schools of that township and in 1916 graduated from the Gem City Business College.

Mr. Broderick was born at Scottsville, Kansas, December 24, 1882, but was brought to Adams County when four years old. His parents, Maurice and Sophronia (Hoffman) Broderick, were both natives of Adams County, were married here, and most of their children were born within the county limits. They lived in Kansas five years, and while there their son John and their daughter Mary were born. Maurice Broderick died in McKee Township in 1891, at the age of forty-five. His widow is still living, aged fifty-nine. She is a Protestant while Mr. Broderick was a Catholic.

In January, 1918, in Columbus Township, John Broderick married Miss Agnes Dunlop, and to this union one child was born, John Henry Broderick, February 5, 1919. Mrs. Broderick was born on the farm where she now lives October 3, 1878, and was reared and educated in this locality. She also attended the Maplewood High School at Camp Point. Mrs. Broderick is a Catholic, and her father was a Protestant and her mother a Catholic. She is a daughter of Thomas and Amelia (O'Reilly) Dunlop. Her father was born in Belfast and her mother in County Cavan, Ireland, and they were married in Quincy, Illinois. Fifty-two years ago Thomas Dunlop bought 160 acres in section 17 of Columbus Township from his brother-in-law, Thomas O'Reilly. Later he increased the farm to its present size, 200 acres, and erected the substantial residence still on the farm. Thomas Dunlop died January 19, 1889, at the age of seventy-six. His widow survived him until March, 1915, and was then eighty-one years and nine months old. In the same year their son William T. died as a young man, and they also lost a daughter, Janet, wife of Gerald Hoffman. Mrs. Hoffman left a son, who was one of the first young men to enlist in the great war and is now serving in the navy. Three of the Dunlop children are still living, including Mrs. Broderick. Her sister, Mrs. Felix Penders, is on a farm at Stillwater, Minnesota, and is married and has two sons and two daughters. Helen is the wife of Edmond Wood, a farmer at Augusta, Illinois, and has six children. Mrs. Broderick has a half brother, Robert Dunlop, who lives at El Reno, Oklahoma, and has a daughter.

Mrs. Broderick's maternal uncle, Thomas O'Reilly, above named, was one of the prominent and Christian men of his day in Adams County. He came



here a poor man, and eventually secured and improved nearly 600 acres near Columbus Village, in sections 17 and 18. Mr. Broderick is a democrat in politics.

**EDWARD M. KOCH.** An Adams County citizen whose memory deserves a special tribute in this publication was the late Edward M. Koch, whose life was one of effective purpose and successful results as a farmer and citizen. For many years he lived in Mendon Township and was a native of this county.

He was born in Melrose Township November 20, 1858, and died October 3, 1907, when not yet fifty years of age. His parents were Gottlieb C. and Elizabeth (Powell) Koch. His parents were born at Muehlhausen in Alsace, close to the battlefront of the present day. The father was born May 14, 1834, and the mother May 12, 1835. Gottlieb Koch died February 19, 1891, and his widow passed away June 16, 1917. He died in Mendon Township. They came to the United States on sailing vessels, being seven weeks on the voyage, and were married after they reached Adams County. They spent many years as farmers in the county and were distinguished as hard working people, devout members of the Lutheran Church, and kindly neighbors. After the death of the husband his widow spent her last years with her daughter Mrs. Elizabeth Kessell at Beatrice, Nebraska. There were four children in the family, including Edward M. and Mrs. Kessell. Another daughter is Mary, wife of Ernst Lock, living at 629 South Seventeenth Street in Quincy. She has an adopted daughter. Another son, Adam Koch, is a farmer in Mendon Township and has a son, Karl.

Edward M. Koch grew up in Adams County, and received most of his education in the parochial schools of the Salem Lutheran Church at Quincy. He started in life as a tenant farmer in Mendon Township, and as his efforts brought increased results he finally purchased his homestead of eighty-five acres in that township and lived there until his death.

In the Lutheran Church of Gilmer Township Mr. Koch and Miss Louisa H. Meyer were united in marriage February 5, 1890. She was born in Ellington Township June 8, 1867, and was reared and educated there. Mrs. Koch's parents were Gottlieb D. and Augusta H. (Haner) Meyer, both natives of Germany. Her father was born May 24, 1820, and her mother March 18, 1829. Her mother came to America in 1851, by way of New York City, and her father in 1852, through New Orleans. Her mother worked one year in St. Louis and then came to Quincy, and they were married soon afterward, and two years later bought a farm of 120 acres in Ellington Township. Mrs. Koch's parents lived out their lives in that locality. Her father died January 3, 1894. Her mother subsequently sold the farm and spent her last years on Madison Street in Quincy, where she died May 8, 1916. Both were active members of the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mrs. Koch was one of a family of two sons and six daughters. Her brother William is married and is a farmer in Hancock County and has a large family of nine daughters and one son. Her sister Emma is the wife of Ernest Dissenhau, of Adams County. Her sister Anna is unmarried and living at Quincy. The brother Gottlieb D., Jr., served in the Spanish-American war and is now in the West. Mrs. Koch also has three deceased sisters. One of them was Mrs. Carolina W. Ruska, who was survived by eight children. Rica H. married Ernest Dissenhau. Lydia was the wife of Henry Schipman.

Mrs. Koch remained on the home farm five years after the death of her husband and since February, 1913, has been a resident of Quincy. She owns her present home at 1431 Ohio Street. She and her children are members of the Evangelical Church. The children are three in number: Arthur K. E., Florenz E. and E. E. Esther. Arthur, born May 21, 1895, was educated in the rural schools of Mendon Township and is now a successful farmer near Newton, Kansas. He married in Quincy Miss Carrie R. Barth, who was born in Lima Township of this county, a daughter of Ezra and Mollie W. (Braken-



siek) Barth. Mr. and Mrs. Barth still live in Lima Township. Arthur Koch and wife have one son, Lester Barth Koch. Florenz E. Koch was born August 10, 1896, was educated in the public schools and is now an enlisted man in the government service, being a carpenter mechanic in the aviation department. The daughter Esther, born August 16, 1901, lives with her mother and is a member of the Quincy High School, class of 1919.

WILLIAM HENRY PERKINS is one of the oldest living native sons of Adams County, has spent his years profitably as a farmer and horticulturist, has reared a capable family, and has many reasons to be well satisfied with the retrospect he can now contemplate while living at his beautiful rural home, Sunset View Farm, in the Township of Melrose. More than three quarters of a century separates his present days from the time of his birth, and in that period he has witnessed the wonderful development of this section of Illinois.

He comes of old New England ancestry, his people having been of staunch Massachusetts stock. Mr. Perkins was born in Adams County March 6, 1841, third in a family of four children and the only son of Jacob and Mary V. (Vinning) Perkins. He is now the only survivor of the family.

His father was born at Malden, Massachusetts, in 1800 and died in Adams County, Illinois, in 1875. He grew to manhood in his native state and in 1834 started west for St. Louis. That year was not a propitious one for making a comfortable and expeditious journey to the Middle West. There were no railroads over the Allegheny Mountains, and he followed perhaps the most popular route of the time. He came to the Great Lakes by the Erie Canal, had a lake voyage to Chicago, was in Chicago when that great city was only a village corporation, and thence traveled overland and by river to St. Louis, and from there the boat carried him up the Mississippi River to Quincy. Quincy was then but a river landing place. His first stop was made on what is now Front Street. He had had some business experience in Boston but was unfortunate and lost all his money and therefore when he came to Quincy it was to begin life practically at the bottom. He did work as a wage earner with the Pease pork house and later, as opportunity and his means made it possible, he took up farming. For twenty-five years he occupied the farm now owned by Mr. Loring Wheeler in Melrose Township. Later he bought as a country home twenty acres and lived there in comfortable circumstances until his death. On that old homestead stands a giant tree more than 100 years old, and its sheltering branches at one time probably protected the wild Indians from the blasts of the storm and it stands in fact as a monument of the old days in Adams County. Jacob Perkins was one of the fine pioneer class of Adams County. He began voting as a whig, but at the birth of the republican party threw in his allegiance with that organization and both he and his son William H. were advocates of the policies of Lincoln. He was a Universalist in religion and his wife was a Methodist. Both are now at rest in the Woodland cemetery.

His wife, Mary V. Vinning, was born at Malden, Massachusetts, in 1807, and died in 1892.

William Henry Perkins was reared and educated in Adams County. He attended one of the typical log cabin schools of Melrose Township. The teacher he best remembers was Edward Humphrey. Since he left school his life work has been that of horticulturist, and few men have had a more successful experience in the growing of fruit. Mr. Perkins has a farm of eighty acres where he resides, and for a number of years its most profitable crop was small fruits. Some seasons in the height of the berry picking he had from forty to sixty girls and women busy in gathering the fruits, and he frequently paid out as high as \$1,400 for labor each season. Mr. Perkins also has sixty-five acres in Melrose Township, and that too has been largely developed as a fruit farm.

March 16, 1871, Mr. Perkins married Miss Mary L. Felt. Six children, three sons and three daughters, were born to their marriage and three are



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still living. The oldest is Cora L., who was well educated in the local schools and at Lombard College at Galesburg, and is now the wife of William B. Duncan, an agriculturist in Ursa Township of Adams County. Mr. Duncan is a republican, and is the owner of 120 acres of land. They have two children, John W. and Richard P. Arthur L., the only living son of Mr. Perkins, was educated in the common schools and in the Gem City Business College at Quincy, and now has the active management of his father's farm in Melrose Township. He married Miss Laura Harvey, and they have a daughter, Mary E., now in the sixth grade of the public schools. Arthur Perkins and wife are members of the Christian Science Church. Mary V., the third child, finished her education in Mrs. Deane's private academy at Quincy and is now the wife of Frank B. Wheat. Mr. Wheat is a successful business man at Los Angeles, California, having built up a splendid business as a manufacturer of office, bank and store fixtures and furniture. He began with a capital of only \$600. Mr. and Mrs. Wheat favor the Christian Science belief. They have one daughter, Mary E.

Mrs. Perkins was born in Adams County June 23, 1848, fourth in a family of eleven children, six sons and five daughters. Her parents were Jeremiah and Adrianna (Leach) Felt. Six of their children are still living: William, a farmer at Mendon, Missouri, a republican, a Methodist, and has a family of wife and three children; Mrs. Perkins; George, a horticulturist and farmer at Scottsville, Michigan, a republican, his wife a member of the Christian Church, and of their five children, three sons, Garrett, Stanley and George, are now soldiers of the American army; Ella, widow of Ira Coe, of the prominent Coe family of Melrose Township; Charles, a farmer and stock man at Mendon, Missouri, a republican in politics, his wife a Methodist, has two children; Adrianna was liberally educated and is the wife of Weymouth Butcher, a retired resident of Long Beach, California, now deceased, where they were members of the Congregational Church.

Mrs. Perkins was well educated and comes of a prominent old family of Adams County. She attended Lombard College at Galesburg, and has given the best of her culture and her efforts to the rearing of her children and to the service of her community.

Jeremiah Felt, father of Mrs. Perkins, was born near New Ipswich, New Hampshire, May 2, 1817. He died in Adams County in March, 1906. He grew to manhood in his native state, was a pioneer of Adams County, and for some time also lived at Galesburg, Illinois. Among his early experiences in Illinois was hauling hogs in a wagon to Chicago and selling them at the market price of 3 cents per pound. His first land in Adams County was eighty acres in Melrose Township, where his daughter, Mrs. Coe, and her son Wilbur now reside. Jeremiah Felt was descended from a family that furnished patriot soldiers to the Revolutionary war. He and his wife were active members of the Universalist Church and in politics he was successively a whig and republican. His wife was born in Boston, Massachusetts, December 12, 1820, and died in August, 1895. Both are now at rest in the Woodland cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins have always shown themselves true friends of public schools and public education and of every good and humanitarian cause in their community. Mr. Perkins served for twenty-five years as a school director. He and his wife are members of the Unitarian Church at Quincy. They have sought not so much wealth but abundance of living, and from time to time have used their means for increased knowledge and culture gained through travel and association with books and people of like ideals. They are well acquainted with their native land in the western and northern and southern states as well as the New England communities, where their ancestors lived. In 1881 they made a trip to the Mardi Gras at New Orleans, in 1888 went to Boston, and at other times have traveled through the states of Oregon, Washington, California, Utah and Colorado and the Yellowstone Park. One of the modern inventions that has added much to their pleasure and their ability to see the country and their friends is a modern touring car. Their homestead lies

only a mile and a half from the city limits of Quincy and the home and surroundings indicate from afar the care and thrift and intelligent management that Mr. Perkins has so long bestowed upon his farm.

**DANIEL B. HERR.** Following Broadway in Quincy two miles east brings one to the attractive farm home and estate of Daniel B. Herr in Melrose Township. Mr. Herr has been a resident of Adams County half a century. He is honored as a veteran of the Civil war, and also by reason of his steadfast citizenship during all the years of his residence in Adams County.

Mr. Herr was born in Clinton County, Pennsylvania, January 7, 1840. His ancestors came to America about 1700, and the family record shows that there are now between 30,000 and 40,000 of them. His father was a farmer and miller and Daniel B. during his boyhood when not in school worked in the mill. He had just about reached his majority when he enlisted in 1861 in the Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry. From that time forward until the close of the war there was no interruption to his service as a soldier. At the end of 2½ years he veteranized and remained with the regiment until the war was over. During the last month he was in Alabama. The colonel of his regiment was made a brigade commander, and it chanced that Mr. Herr was among the troops who effected the capture of Jefferson Davis in Georgia. He was never wounded or captured. He held the rank of corporal.

On October 31, 1867, Mr. Herr married Miss Gertrude C. Hills, of Clinton County, Pennsylvania. In the meantime Mr. Herr had visited Adams County. His cousin was Mrs. John P. Cadogan, wife of the former proprietor of the Quincy Herald. While here Mr. Herr had arranged for the purchase of forty acres in Melrose Township. He and his wife arrived at Quincy September 15, 1868, direct from Clinton County, Pennsylvania. The land he bought was nearly all in timber, only a few acres were cleared and the house was brand new. It cost him \$1.40 per acre and much remained to do before it could be utilized for production. Mr. Herr worked steadily to clear it up and convert it into a farm. He has since increased his holdings there to seventy acres, practically all of it in cultivation. He also owns another tract of forty-four acres a half mile away, and the two places constitute a well proportioned and productive farm. Owing to his convenient situation with respect to Quincy Mr. Herr made a profitable business of dairying many years. He milked as high as forty-three cows. At one time he distributed milk with two wagons. For years he supplied the Newcomb Hotel in Quincy. In later years he has separated the milk and converted the cream into butter. At one time he manufactured as high as 100 pounds a week, but now makes scarce more than a quarter that amount. Besides dairying and milk production he carries on his farm as a general agricultural proposition and has a good deal of small fruit.

Mrs. Herr has been active in the Eighth Street Methodist Episcopal Church and is also a working member of the Red Cross. Mr. Herr is a republican, but has never sought public position. A brief record of his children indicates justifiable ground for pride on his part: George M., a merchant at Roundup, Montana; Harry P., a miner at the same place in Montana; Arthur B., connected with the Standard Oil Company's works at Wood River, Illinois; Walter S., a manufacturer of extracts at Wichita, Kansas; Eugene E., a carpenter in Chicago; Emma, wife of Walter Pfannschmidt, of Gilmer Township, and the mother of two children, Marian and Ruth; Pearl, wife of Harry Nesbitt and the mother of Emily, Ruth and Samuel; Philip S., who is superintendent of the Knollenburg Milling Company at Quincy, married Florence Knollenburg and has two children, Robert and Jeanne; Charles, who in 1918 was in the army, stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia; Chester, who is a farmer on the home place; Herbert, a soldier at Camp Sheridan, Alabama. The sons Philip and Chester are both active members of Lambert Lodge of Masons at Quincy. Mr. Herr for forty years has been affiliated with John Woods Post of the Grand Army of the Republic.



R. FRANK STOWE, of Columbus Township, represents one of the pioneer families of Hancock County, but for the past fourteen years has been numbered among the most successful farmers of Adams County. Mr. Stowe with the aid and co-operation of a loyal wife has accumulated much prosperity, owns a fine home and farm, has earned a commendable place in community esteem, and their only son and heir is now fighting to make the world safe for democracy.

Mr. Stowe's farm comprises 320 acres in the east half of section 18 and within half a mile of the Village of Columbus. It is excellent land, rolling and with natural drainage, and under Mr. Stowe's direction it has been utilized on the strict rotation principle of cultivation and is the home of some high grade livestock. Mr. Stowe pastures about 100 head of sheep every year, about the same number of hogs, raises black cattle and from twenty to thirty head of mules and horses. His main barn is 40 by 50 feet, besides tool and wagon sheds and other equipment. The home is a nine room house.

Mr. Stowe bought this farm on coming to the county from Burnside in Hancock County, where he had previously been a successful farmer. He was born in Hancock County February 10, 1869, and attended school at Burnside. The Stowe family located in Hancock County, two miles west of Burnside, when that region was largely a wilderness, filled with wild game of all kinds. In fact in the early days his father and mother depended upon the game for most of the meat upon their table. There was only one house between the Stowe home and the Mormon settlement at Nauvoo. Mr. Stowe's parents were Solomon and Matilda (Jones) Stowe. Both were natives of Middle Tennessee of southern ancestry. Soon after their marriage they joined a party of several families from that part of Tennessee, and all of them journeyed overland with wagons and teams to Hancock County, Illinois. Mr. Stowe's maternal grandfather, Thomas Jones, was an old school Baptist minister and was the first preacher to this little colony of Tennesseans in Hancock County, nearly all the members of which were of the same faith. Solomon Stowe secured a tract of Government land and then made a good farm and home in that vicinity. He died there fifteen years ago, at the age of seventy-one, and his wife passed away some years previously in her sixties. Both had lived retired for several years at the Village of Burnside. On their old farm they reared eleven children, four sons and seven daughters, seven of whom are still living and all married. The parents were strict members of the Primitive Baptist Church and Solomon served in various church offices. He was equally zealous in his support of the democratic party.

R. Frank Stowe married at Burnside in 1890 Miss Hannah Minerva Huff. She was born in McDonough County, Illinois, in a log cabin, July 16, 1868. She was a child when her parents, William M. and Mary A. (Twaddle) Huff, moved to Hancock County and located near Burnside. Her father was a native of Illinois, born near Rushville, and her mother was born in Ohio. They were married in McDonough County, and they spent most of their active careers in Hancock County. Her father is still living there at the Village of Burnside, and celebrates his eightieth birthday February 4, 1819. Mrs. Stowe's mother died in 1892, when about fifty years of age. Both were members of the Christian Church and her father was a democrat until past thirty years of age, when he became one of the pioneer advocates of prohibition principles and party affiliation. In all ways he has been an excellent citizen and is widely known over Hancock County. Mrs. Stowe was one of five children, all daughters, three of whom are living, are married and have children of their own.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Stowe is Robert Harlan Stowe, born May 8, 1896. He grew up on the home farm, was well educated, and graduated with honors from the Maplewood High School at Camp Point in 1914. He received his early military training in a local home guard company, and on July 6, 1918, entered the Great Lakes Training Station at Chicago. Mr. Stowe and family are members of the Christain Church and in politics he is a stanch democrat.



**BENTON SHUPE.** There have been members of the Shupe family in Adams County for fully three quarters of a century. For the most part they have been industrious and capable farmers, have cleared many acres of wild land, have cropped the soil here for several generations, and all of them have performed a worthy part in local citizenship.

Mr. Benton Shupe, whose home is in Honey Creek Township, 1½ miles north of Paloma, is a son of Christopher Shupe, who was born in Franklin Township, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1818, and came to Adams County in 1841. In 1840 he married Mary Shultz, who was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, June 29, 1818. Christopher Shupe on coming to Adams County bought land at \$1.25 per acre in Mendon Township, and the old homestead which he developed there is now occupied by his son Charles. He acquired 320 acres in one body and erected the old home in 1857. His last years he lived retired and died February 16, 1892, at the age of seventy-six. His wife passed away January 1, 1903. Their family consisted of the following children: Catherine, who married Andy Remp and both are now deceased, Catherine dying at the age of sixty-three; David William, who served as a soldier in the Civil war, afterward went to Mendon, Missouri, and died there soon afterward at the age of forty; Edward Michael, who died at Mendon, Missouri, at the age of sixty-six; John, who lived a bachelor at the old home and died at fifty-nine; Louis, whose home is in California; Mary, who died in infancy; George W., who went out to Kansas as a young man and is now living at San Antonio, Texas; Benton; and Charles, who was born January 10, 1860, and has spent all his life on the old homestead and has had active charge of it since reaching the age of twenty-three. Charles Shupe married in 1892 Anna Isabel Pauls, of St. Louis County, Missouri. They have two children: George P. and Frederick Dewey.

Benton Shupe was born on the old homestead February 20, 1858. He grew up there and received his education in the local schools. When he was quite young his father gave him an adjoining farm, but he soon sold that and came to his present place in Honey Creek Township. Here he bought eighty acres, at \$50 an acre, going in debt for a portion of the purchase price, but has paid it out, has made a good living from the land, and is now owner of 200 acres in a body and has it thoroughly well improved. He is a general farmer and stock man, and feeds and markets about fifty hogs a year. His land has cost him all the way from \$50 to \$75 an acre. Portions of it were originally covered with heavy timber, and some of this timber has been worked up since he became owner. For some years Mr. Shupe served as school director and was also road commissioner two years. He is a democrat, as was his father before him, and the only member of the family to break away from that party allegiance is his brother George. Mr. Shupe is a stockholder in the Paloma Elevator Company.

At the age of twenty-seven he married Miss Anna Beachy. She died leaving four children, and two of them are still living, Lester C. and Chester. Lester is now operating the home farm for his father, and by his marriage to Eva Morton has two children, Bernice and Fannie. The son Chester, who is overseer of a large ranch in North Dakota, married Sadie Johns, of Adams County, and they have a daughter, Wilma. For his second wife Mr. Shupe married Miss Susie Jeffry. They have one child, Oleen, who is attending school.

Mr. Shupe was reared as a Lutheran but is now a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Paloma.

**WALTER PHILIP BEILSTEIN** enjoys an enviable place among the farmers of Melrose Township, having a fine farm in one of the best agricultural sections of the county, ten miles southeast of Quincy. He is operating the fields and managing a property that has been in the ownership of the Beilstein family for three generations.

On the farm where he now resides he was born February 6, 1879. His grandfather, George T. Beilstein, was born in Germany August 15, 1805, and in early life was a great traveler, seeing much of Europe, Palestine and the Holy

Land. At the age of twenty-one he entered the German army and served six years and seven months. In 1831 he came to America, settling at Carlisle in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. There in the same year he married Miss Elizabeth Klingland, also a native of Germany. They lived in Pennsylvania twenty years and in 1843 came to Adams County and settled on land in section 21 of Melrose Township. He became one of the prosperous farmers and land owners of the county and lived there until his death, when past eighty years of age. He was a democrat, a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and deserves to be remembered among the early settlers of the county. His wife died in August, 1867.

The parents of Walter Philip Beilstein were George and Louise (Dickman) Beilstein. His father was born at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1834, and was about eight or nine years of age when his parents came to Adams County. He remained in the old homestead until his marriage, at the age of twenty-eight. He rented the old farm and secured the place now owned by his son Walter about 1868. This land he improved with good buildings, including house and barn, and kept it until about 1912, when he sold it to his son. He also owned 200 acres in Freeport, Kansas, property that has since been sold, and also business property in Quincy. George Beilstein died January 19, 1918, while living with his daughter at Payson. His wife had passed away November 2, 1907. He was a democrat and a member of the Congregational Church. In his family were eight children: Charles, who died in childhood; Lizzie, who married Henry Peter and died in 1900; Pauline, unmarried and living at Payson; Anna, Mrs. Fred Gilhouse, of Payson Township; George, who died in December, 1901, at the age of thirty; John, who died August 28, 1901, at the age of twenty-eight; William, of Frankfort, Missouri; and Walter Philip.

Walter Philip Beilstein has spent all his life on the old farm, and completed his education in the Payson High School. He has continued the improvements where his father left off and has kept the land in a maximum degree of productive usefulness. He has not found time to seek public honors or office. is a democrat and a member of the Congregational Church of Payson.

February 25, 1908, he married Miss Susie Lundberg, who was born at Monroe City, Missouri, in 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Beilstein have seven children, named Russell Walter, Louise, Helen, George A., Charles W., Dorothy and Marion.

JOHN JACOB SCHNELLBECHER is a member of that very enterprising family to whom other references are made in these pages. He is a practical farmer, a thorough mechanic, and has long been identified with the Schnellbecher brothers, threshermen, whose operations have taken them over practically all of Adams County. Mr. Schnellbecher owns a good farm adjoining that of his brothers George and Fred ten miles southeast of Quincy in Melrose Township. Payson being his postoffice.

Mr. Schnellbecher was born February 12, 1859, near Bluff Hall in Fall Creek Township. The historical facts concerning his parents are published on other pages. He was reared a farmer and a number of years ago began threshing with his brother William, continued with his brother Henry for some years, and at one time four of the Schnellbecher brothers were engaged in this industry.

March 11, 1903, Mr. Schnellbecher married Miss Mary Keil, a sister of George Keil, and member of a family whose part in Adams County history is described elsewhere. Mrs. Schnellbecher was eighteen years of age at the time of her marriage. Her children are Margaret, Elizabeth, and Harvey, all at home.

Mr. Schnellbecher has continued farming for many years on a part of the old Schnellbecher homestead tract. He has built barns and given much of the equipment to the farm. He is active in community matters, especially in



keeping up the local schools. He was a director of his school district for four years. Mr. Schnellbecher is a democrat and a member of Congregational Church at Payson.

**STEVEN G. LAWLESS.** It is an opinion based not on assertion but on substantial evidence that Steven G. Lawless has done more than any other local citizen to rejuvenate the Village of Liberty and put it on the map as one of the progressive smaller towns of Adams County. Mr. Lawless has a spirit of co-ordinated policy which is typical of so many young American business men, and with broad plans and ideals as to what his community needs he has proceeded steadily and undeterred by criticism toward securing their fulfillment. The people of the county in general know him for his effective work and unselfish labors during the war as secretary of the County Exemption Board.

Mr. Lawless, who is cashier of the Farmers Bank of Liberty, was born in Gilmer Township October 14, 1885. His father is James S. Lawless, concerning whom more is written on other pages of this publication. Steven remained at home to the age of twenty-one, in the meantime attending the district schools and completing his education at Quincy in the Gem City Business College. He went to St. Louis to get a metropolitan experience in business, acting as salesman in the sporting goods department of the Simmons Hardware Company. He remained there until he was unexpectedly called to take his present position as cashier of the Farmers Bank of Liberty.

This bank was started in 1903. Its organizers were George R. Stewart, of Quincy; Hez G. Henry, of Quincy; and George D. Mercer, of Liberty. Mr. Mercer was the original cashier. It was organized under a state charter, but in the following year was made a private bank. The stockholders were all local men. It has a capital of \$18,000, surplus of \$2,000, and its deposits in 1918 average \$350,000. The bank building, erected in 1914, is a credit to the town, and on the second floor is the fine opera house, about 36 by 76 feet, with seating capacity for 400 and with modern stage. M. W. Callahan is president. Mr. Callahan lived in Columbus, Kansas. Alvin Hartshorn and George C. Dean are the vice presidents. Mr. Lawless became cashier October 4, 1907, succeeding Mr. Mercer. In 1916 they organized a branch bank at Beverly, known as the Beverly Bank. This bank is now being organized as a state bank.

Soon after locating in Liberty Mr. Lawless with another associate put an addition to Liberty on the market, giving about as much more ground for the development of the town, and he individually built several residences there. For six years he has been a member of the school board, and is an active republican in politics. The governor selected him as clerk of the County Exemption Board, the other two members being J. A. Osmus, of Loraine, and Dr. A. B. Bates, of Camp Point. During the first year of the war the chief office of the exemption board was in the bank at Liberty, and the first 100 men to leave the county were inducted into service in that building.

Mr. Lawless promoted the electric light plant, organizing the stock company for that purpose. This plant now supplies the town, having about 120 customers. He is manager of the plant. Mr. Lawless is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge at Liberty and also with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has taken much interest in these fraternities. He is a member of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Episcopal Church. October 14, 1909, he married Miss Anna Schmiedeskamp, of Camp Point. They have one child, James S., born in 1915.

**FREDERICK FRANK GILHOUSE** is not only a man of importance in the farming and civic affairs of Payson Township, but also represents a family long notable in the industrial affairs of that locality. The Gilhouse home is sixteen miles southeast of Quincy and three miles south of the Village of Payson.

The family was established in this county by Ernest Gilhouse, who is still living at the old home in Payson Township and is a man of advanced years and long and successful experience. He was born in Lippe Detmold, Germany.



In 1851 he came to the United States and located in Adams County, accompanied by his brother August and also his mother. Ernest was then twenty-one years of age. In Germany he had worked in a brick yard but on coming to Adams County he found employment as a farm hand. He had only \$65 on reaching Quincy. In Burton Township his employer was Mr. Bliven. Though paid very small wages, corresponding to the standard of wages of that time, Ernest Gilhouse managed to save enough and by strict economy purchased the tract of timber land on Liberty Road two miles from Burton Village. He and his brother August were together in this purchase, and they continued partners in working it for eight or nine years. On dividing their interests Ernest Gilhouse took eighty acres of wild land on the south line of Payson Township, four miles south of Payson Village. He cleared it up, and it is in that locality and amid the scene of his early endeavors that he is still living. His mother died in the county at the advanced age of ninety-two. His brother August spent his life on the Burton Township farm and died when about seventy. Charles, a son of August, is still living in Payson Township.

Ernest Gilhouse has been greatly prospered in his business affairs. He invested steadily his extra profits and savings in more land, and now has 622 acres in one body, though divided into four farms. The home farm comprises 185 acres. In his land buying he has paid as high as \$125 an acre for improved farms. For several years the task of running these farms and cultivating the fields has been left almost entirely to his sons.

Ernest Gilhouse married in Adams County Minnie Kampmeier, also a native of Germany. Their family of six children is briefly referred to as follows: Mary, Mrs. Geisel, of Burton Township; William, at home; Lizzie, wife of Edward Orr, of Pike County, Illinois; Frederick Frank, mentioned below; Edward P., of whom more is said on other pages; and Amanda, still a member of the home circle.

Besides the 622 acres constituting the home estate Mr. Ernest Gilhouse has two bottom tracts, one of eighty and the other of 180 acres. This land is operated by tenants. Mr. Gilhouse has had no public service, is a democrat, has attended strictly to his own affairs, and has rendered a service to the county hardly to be measured by any of the ordinary offices and participation in public affairs. He is still well preserved at the age of eighty-nine and has led a sane and wholesome life. He has never returned to Germany, and is hostile to any movement which would seek to reproduce in America the same conditions which he sought to escape when he left the Fatherland.

Frederick Frank Gilhouse was born on his father's farm a half mile south of his present place August 27, 1866. He has occupied his present farm for thirty years, and has remained steadily in one locality, doing an effective work as a farmer and good citizen. On April 16, 1889, he married Miss Anna Beilstein, sister of Walter Beilstein, elsewhere mentioned. Mrs. Gilhouse was nineteen years of age at the time of her marriage. They have two children, Loren and Hilda. The latter was born in 1906 and is attending the public schools in Payson. Loren is a graduate of the Payson High School and the Gem City Business College and is now head bookkeeper and credit man with the Halbach-Schroeder Mercantile Company of Quincy. He married Elizabeth Heidloff and has one son, Robert.

Mr. Frederick F. Gilhouse has served as road commissioner, was deputy sheriff under Joseph Lipps and John Coombs, and in politics is a staunch democrat. He is at present precinct chairman of his party. His son is a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner. Mrs. Gilhouse is a member of the Congregational Church of Payson.

**HENRY A. STEIGHORST.** The career of the late Henry A. Steighorst of Melrose Township is notable not because he held any conspicuous offices in Government but for the self denial, sacrificing efforts, toil and steadfast fidelity

with which he pursued his private affairs and as a result of which he reared and provided well for his family. Two of his capable sons now handle the home farm in that township, and the family name is one that has always been identified with the good citizenship of Adams County.

Henry A. Steighorst was born in Kreis Hertford, Germany, February 28, 1836. He was fifteen years of age when he came to the United States with his parents. His father, Bernhard Steighorst, first located at St. Louis and soon afterward went to Quincy. Henry Steighorst on arriving in this county went to work on a farm at wages of \$8 to \$10 a month in Melrose Township. At Quincy he learned the cooper's trade with the Hokamp farm, and worked at that occupation until after his marriage.

August 25, 1864, he married Miss Hannah Hempelmann. She was born in Germany April 3, 1846, and was eighteen years of age at the time of her marriage. When she was six years old she was brought to the United States, by her parents, Ernst and Hannah (Behring) Hempelmann, who located in St. Louis for one year and then moved to Quincy. Her father was a tailor by trade. The Hempelmann family arrived in Quincy in 1853. Ernst Hempelmann died there when past seventy years of age, having survived his wife some years. Hannah Steighorst has a brother, William Hempelmann, at Quincy, a cabinet maker, and a sister living in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Henry A. Steighorst continued to work at his trade until 1877, when he rented a farm in Melrose Township for six years. In 1883 he bought the present farm now owned by his son. This comprised 141 acres, and he paid about \$40 an acre for it. It was partly cleared but had no buildings, and during the next ten or fifteen years he was constantly busy, paying the interest and principal on his debt, clearing off the rough land, erecting good buildings, and gradually converting it into the farm which it is today. The Steighorst farm is on the Payson road, eleven miles southeast of Quincy. Mr. Steighorst had so much to do in meeting his obligations and in the work of making a farm that he had no time for politics and never held any office. He was a democratic voter. He continued active until a year or two before his death, which occurred September 6, 1913.

His children are briefly noted as follows: William, a teamster living at Payson; Emma, who died at the age of forty-seven, wife of Henry Keasel; Linnie, who is unmarried; and Henry, born January 13, 1877, and Elmer, born April 8, 1883, who are the progressive sons now in full charge of the home farm, where they have spent all their lives. Neither of the brothers is married.

JAMES SCOTT spent nearly all his life in Liberty Township, for many years was a successful farmer, and was a man of keen intelligence and the finest qualities of citizenship. His home was  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of the Village of Liberty. For the last six years of his life he was practically an invalid, and the operation of his farm devolved upon his son. His death occurred on the 29th of December, 1918.

Mr. Scott was born in McKee Township of this county March 27, 1849, son of Arthur and Sarah (Fuqua) Scott. The Fuqua family has been rather a numerous one in Adams County. Arthur Scott was born in Kentucky and went from there to Ralls County, Missouri, and later to McKee Township, Adams County. When James Scott was  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years old his parents moved to the farm where he now lives in Liberty Township. Arthur died there at the age of fifty-three and his widow survived until past eighty. All the old farm improvements and buildings are now gone. Harry Scott, brother of Arthur, also lived in Adams County a short time. Arthur Scott was an excellent farmer, and being a man of great industry cleared his land of its brush, broke the prairie, and had it all in cultivation. In the early days and when James Scott was a small boy it was a frequent sight to see deer in the woods and on the prairies. In fact they would oftentimes come into the lot with the cows. Mr. Scott saw as many as



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seven deer together when he was a boy. Wild turkeys also abounded. Arthur Scott and wife had the following children: Eunice, widow of Isaac Allen, of Camp Point; Thomas and James, twins, the former of whom lived in Missouri and died there at the age of sixty-two; Mary Eliza, wife of Marion Allen, of Clarence, Missouri; Robert, of Oklahoma; Dudley and Henry, both farmers at Clarence, Missouri.

James Scott was reared and educated in Liberty Township and after coming to manhood acquired the old homestead, and later added another 200 acres, giving him a large farm of 280 acres in one body. He put on all the present improvements. For the past six years his son Maurice has operated the farm, raising crops and livestock. James Scott spent a busy life and acquired a valuable property. He paid as high as \$75 an acre for some of his land. He never held office and was a republican voter.

February 25, 1880, he married Miss Martha Jimison, who was twenty-five years of age at the time of her marriage and was born in Liberty Township, daughter of James and Rachel (Cunning) Jimison. The parents were both born in Ireland but were married in Pennsylvania and they lived for many years in Adams County, where her father died at the age of sixty-six and her mother when past eighty. Mrs. Scott is the only survivor and the youngest of six children. The others were: Sarah, who married James Naylor, of Quincy, and died there; Margaret, who also married and is deceased; James J., who died a bachelor at the age of fifty; Savannah, who married John Featheringill; William, who died when about fifty-nine years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott had three children: Nora is the wife of Marion Enlow, of Avon, Illinois; Maurice and Meredith were twins, and the latter died at the age of thirteen. Maurice has spent all his life on the home farm and on September 11, 1918, married Lora Van Zandt, of Richfield Township, daughter of Albert and Relia Van Zandt.

GEORGE F. P. AND FRED SCHNELLBECHER. Various members of the Schnellbecher family in Melrose Township have borne a part in community affairs and the practical business of farming and farm operation that should be a matter of pride to them and to all their friends. In former years they helped subdue the wilderness to the needs of peaceful agriculture, and as land owners, farmers and good business men their record may be viewed with interest. Two brothers of the name above mentioned are now the practical managers of the large Schnellbecher farm ten miles southeast of Quincy in Melrose Township, and besides handling their own land they have for a number of years carried on an extensive business as threshermen. The Schnellbecher brothers, both George and Fred, as well as one or two others, have had pronounced mechanical ability, and they have constituted a group of men who are past masters of all the complicated machinery used in farming operations.

Their father was the late John Wilhelm Schnellbecher, who was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, December 16, 1819. In 1845 he married Elizabeth Margaret Schmidt, who was born in the same country April 14, 1827. Two children were born to them in the old country. Some six or seven years after their marriage they started for America. Elizabeth Schmidt had a sister who was already in Adams County, the wife of Fred Miller. The Miller brothers, transfer men of Quincy, are of this family. John W. Schnellbecher had no money on landing at Quincy, and he first rented a tract of land on the Mississippi River bottoms west of Bluff Hall. His wife soon found that low land a source of ill health, and they removed to higher ground. There the father secured forty acres of rough land, cleared it out, and added to it at different times until in 1882 he moved to the farm now owned by his sons in Melrose Township. He first bought 120 acres and eventually had over 200 acres. This farm was originally owned by a Mr. Ewald, who built the present home during the Civil war times. John W. Schnellbecher continued to own the farm during the rest of his life, but turned most of its work over to his sons. He died

September 12, 1898. His wife died November 4, 1891. He was a capable, straightforward citizen, lived a life above reproach, was a democratic voter, but his only public service was as a jurymen. He and his wife were both members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and for a number of years attended worship in the Bluff Hall Church in Fall Creek.

Brief reference must now be made to their children. Elizabeth, the oldest, died shortly after coming to America, at the age of three years. John William, born in 1850, was killed by lightning June 1, 1886. He married Catherine Speckhart, now deceased, a sister of Adam and John Speckhart. Maria never married and died April 15, 1918, at the age of sixty-four. Anna Katerina is the wife of William Haxel, living at Ralston, Oklahoma. John Jacob lives on a farm in Melrose Township, is associated with his brothers as threshermen, and more particular mention of him is made on other pages. Henry Schnellbecher was one of the Schnellbecher brothers in farming and threshing and died April 28, 1907. He was a bachelor. The next two are George Frederick Philip and Fred. Emma is housekeeper for her brothers.

The large farm now owned and operated by the Schnellbecher brothers comprises 463 acres, really representing several farms though under unified management. It is a general stock farm, raising cattle and hogs and all the staple grain crops of the county. It was William Schnellbecher who first took up the business of threshing, and he continued until his death. Henry succeeded him, and the business is now carried on by George and Fred. The Schnellbecher brothers have operated practically every type of threshing outfit during their experience. For a few years they had three outfits during the season, and they still operate two outfits. In 1918 they threshed about 600,000 bushels of grain. Some of their customers have had them regularly every season for twenty years. Besides the usual grain separators they own an equipment of clover hullers, shredders and other machinery. The brothers are not office seekers, are democratic voters and members of the Payson Congregational Church.

EDWARD HENRY MEYER. There stands to the credit of Edward Henry Meyer, one of the best known citizens of Melrose Township, nearly forty years of successful farming, every year devoted with increasing success to the production of crops, the improvement of the land, and the bettering of the conditions of his locality in general.

Mr. Meyer's farm home is nine miles southeast of Quincy in Melrose Township. He was born in the same township, just a mile northeast of St. Antonius Church, August 24, 1860. His parents were Frederick and Hannah (Dickman) Meyer. Both were born and were married in Lippe Detmold, Germany, and started for America with three sons and one daughter. One daughter was born on the ocean, and after reaching America they settled in Adams County. They started from Germany about the time of the political troubles in that country in 1848. Frederick Meyer acquired land in Melrose Township, a tract of timber, with only a log house. It contained ninety acres and he cleared up most of the land suitable for agriculture. During the late '50s he built the brick house in which his son Edward was born. That house has since been torn down. Frederick Meyer was very helpful and liberal of his resources, especially among his fellow countrymen, and loaned money to a number of other settlers to aid them in establishing homes in this county, and so far as known none of that money was ever returned. Mrs. Meyer was born in Lippe Detmold May 10, 1814. Other members of her family also came to Adams County, including her brother, Fred Dickman, her sister, Mrs. Gilhouse, another sister, Mrs. Hampsmire, a cousin, Mrs. Fred Dickman, and Mrs. Herman Miller. Frederick Meyer died February 12, 1892, at the age of eighty-five. His last days were spent at the home of his son William in Burton Township. His wife died December 13, 1887. They were long members of the Zion Chapel of the Methodist Church on Mill Creek, a church society that has



since been abandoned. Frederick Meyer and wife had the following children: William, who died on his farm in Burton Township at the age of fifty-eight; August, a farmer of Payson Township, who died September 2, 1911; Fred, who has a thriving real estate business at 841 South Eighth Street in Quincy; Minnie, who died at the age of five years; Louis, a farmer in Burton Township; John, a veteran thresherman who lives at the Village of Ursa; Philopena, wife of Henry Klingensmith, of Grundy County, Missouri; and Edward.

Edward Henry Meyer spent his youth with his parents, attended the local schools, and on January 29, 1885, established a home of his own by his marriage with Lizzie Vollrath. She was then twenty years of age, being the daughter of John and Mary (Kerkmann) Vollrath. For twenty years Mr. and Mrs. Meyer lived on the old Peters farm in Mill Creek Valley, consisting of 140 acres. Later Mr. Meyer added to that 138 acres, giving him a well proportioned farm of 294 acres, all in one body and operated under one management. For the original part of his farm he paid \$22 an acre and the 138 acres cost him \$6,300. He has done much to improve the land. He found a barn there when he took possession, and in 1909 he erected his present good home. He followed general farming, selling from fifty to sixty hogs every year, and keeps good grades of livestock of all kinds. He has found time to clear up about forty additional acres of the old Peters place.

Mr. Meyer has never had time for official responsibility, and while a republican is not tied to party politics in local matters.

Last but not least in the family record should be noted the children of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer. Clarence is a farmer in Marion County, Missouri. Ella has lived for several years with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. August Meyer. Harry now operates the farm of his uncle August and also owns a place of his own nearby. May is still at home. Willis was a member of the field artillery at Camp Kearney in California and is now at home. Hobart is still a member of the home circle. Albert died in childhood. The three younger children, all at home, are Edna, Nona and Margaret.

FRANCIS M. AMEN. No better illustration of the happy and prosperous results of thrift and industry when intelligently applied can be found than is afforded by the career of Francis M. Amen, now living in a fine home and in the comforts of retirement at Quincy. Mr. Amen grew up as a poor boy in one of the poorer sections of this county, and had the hardest kind of work as his chief training and education for life. What he has accomplished has been the result of his independent efforts and resources. He owns much valuable farming land, and his farming was all of the efficient type, the best of crops, the best of stock, and the best market price for all he produced. The combined results of his long years of successful work would constitute a handsome competence for all his future years if he were to sell out and combine the results in money at the bank.

Mr. Amen was born in McKee Township, Adams County, March 10, 1843. His parents, Philip and Lena (Horn) Amen, were both born in Germany and of old German ancestry. Philip Amen followed the same trade as his father, that of wagon maker, married in the old country, and four children were born there, George, Philip, Isaac and Mary. These children are all now deceased, Philip dying in Germany. Mary and George both married and Isaac died when nineteen. During the early '30s the family left Bremen on a sailing vessel and had a most eventful voyage of six weeks. The ship took fire and the passengers barely escaped destruction by that element in addition to many shocks and fears from the tempests of the sea. The ship finally landed its passengers at New Orleans and from there the Amen family came up the river to Quincy and soon afterward went into the wilds of Eastern Adams County in McKee Township. That district was rough, heavily timbered, and at that time probably contained as much real wild game as any other part of the county. There were any number of deer, wild hogs and turkeys. Philip

Amen in selecting that part of the county had in mind plenty of timber which might be utilized by him in his trade as a wagon maker. At first there was little requirement for his services as a mechanic, but as the country settled up there came a growing demand for the wagons made by Philip Amen. These wagons were hand made throughout from tongue to endgate, and some of them literally lasted a lifetime. The manufacturer took a great deal of pride in all that he did, and the prosperity of his later years was thoroughly justified by the service he had rendered. His sons assisted him in their early lives, and the family as a whole acquired a great amount of valuable land, chiefly in the lower part of Concord Township, north of Kellerville. When in advanced years Philip Amen and wife left their farm and retired to the Village of Kellerville, where the father died in 1886 and the mother August 8, 1885. The latter was born in 1809 and the former in 1808. The mother was reared a Catholic while Philip Amen was a Lutheran. They were both thrifty and hard working and also kindly and helpful factors in their community, lending their service in periods of distress, and Philip Amen responded to every call to assist his neighbors and early settlers in putting up their log cabin homes and other improvements requiring community co-operation. The parents of Philip Amen followed him to this country in 1849. They landed at New Orleans, and Philip, Sr., was almost at once stricken with the cholera, then epidemic in that city, and died there. His widow escaped, and joined her sons in Adams County, where she died only two years short of the century mark. Philip Amen and wife after coming to Adams County had four other children born here, Francis M., John, Catherine and Joseph. All married and all had children.

Francis M. Amen grew up under the conditions and in the environment briefly noted and suggested above. He attended school as far as possible, but the main requirement was for work and assistance in the practical affairs of life. If it were all summed together it would be found that Mr. Amen cut away and cleared the timber from at least 100 acres of land, and that is no slight achievement in itself. He has always been a good judge of land values, and has traded in and handled many tracts in this county. Buying and selling has brought him the ownership of many different farms, and the 400 acres he now owns constitutes some of the best land in Columbus Township, located in sections 18 and 19. This land is divided into two complete and well equipped farms, producing the finest crops and the finest of stock, including cattle, hogs, horses and sheep. Two of his sons are the active managers of these farms, and these sons have much of the enterprise and progressiveness which characterize their father. In the fall of 1913 Mr. Amen bought his fine brick eight-room home at 2845 Maine Street in Quincy. It is a good, substantial residence, and is surrounded by ample grounds, being built on a lot 150 feet front and 190 feet deep.

Mr. Amen married in Brown County, Illinois, Mary Gruber, who was born in Germany and was three years of age when her parents came to the United States, locating first in Pennsylvania and then in Brown County, Illinois. Her father and mother were John and Anna M. (Blickhaun) Gruber, who spent the rest of their lives on their farm in Brown County. The Gruber family were Catholics, and Mrs. Amen and her children are of that faith. Mr. Amen is a democrat in politics. To their marriage were born eleven children, two of whom are now deceased. Philip lives in Quincy, Illinois, is married and has two sons and three daughters; Edward, a resident of Quincy and father of one daughter; Lawrence, who is a bachelor and is now filling the office of coroner of Adams County and lives with his father; Emily, wife of Thomas Daugherty, of Quincy and mother of two sons and two daughters; Martin, who is unmarried and is the manager of one of his father's fine farms; Ralph, who directs the activities of the other farm, is married and has a son and two daughters; Rita is the wife of Eugene Kircher, of Quincy, and has a son and



daughter; Eva lives at home; and Leo is a bookkeeper for the Stone Carriage Company and lives at home.

WILLIAM P. MCNEALL represents the old and prominent McNeall family of Columbus Township, and his own home is in the Village of Columbus, though his chief business interests are now centered at Coatsburg, where he is manager of the Coatsburg Grain and Livestock Company.

Mr. McNeall was born at Denver in Hancock County, Illinois, June 18, 1871, son of Arthur A. and Celina (Nichols) McNeall. His grandfather was Abraham B. McNeall, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1810, son of Arthur and Elizabeth (Boyer) McNeall. Abraham McNeall spent his youth near Cincinnati, Ohio, studied medicine at Columbus, Ohio, and in 1855 came to the Village of Columbus in Adams County, where he gained high rank as a physician and surgeon by many years of active service. A number of other facts regarding his career and family will be found on other pages of this publication. Dr. Abraham McNeall married Esther Heywood for his first wife, and his second wife was Ruth A. Carroll. The three sons of his first marriage were Nathan, Arthur and David.

Arthur A. McNeall was for a number of years engaged in the drug business at Denver in Hancock County. In 1872 he returned to Columbus and engaged in the general merchandise business. On closing out that store he went to live on the farm of his wife's father in Columbus Township, but after this property was sold he returned to Hancock County in 1892. For a number of years he was practically an invalid, and he died at the home of his son William P. in 1900, at the age of fifty-eight. His widow is still living at Hamilton in Hancock County at the age of seventy-four. Celina Nichols is a daughter of John P. Nichols, who was born in Kentucky in 1797, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Perkins) Nichols. John P. Nichols learned the trade of book binder in Kentucky, but found it disagreeable and injurious to his health, and therefore took up farming. He married Kitty Carter, who was born in Kentucky in 1808. John P. Nichols was a pioneer in Adams County, arriving in November, 1831. In February, 1834, he moved from the vicinity of Quincy to lay out the Village of Columbus. In later years he owned a valuable farm in section 19 of that township, and held various offices and was a man of much local prominence. He and his wife had twelve children, including Celina, Mrs. Arthur McNeall. Arthur McNeall and wife had two sons and two daughters: Walter S., a farmer at Mendon, Missouri; William P.; Iva L., wife of Ed Rosberry, of Hamilton, Illinois; and Esther.

William P. McNeall spent his boyhood years in the home of his parents, attended district schools, and at the age of twenty-one married Miss Lizzie Senner, of Columbus, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Kircher) Senner. Mrs. McNeall was born in Columbus Township, where her father was a well known and successful farmer. He died about 1910, at the age of sixty-six, while her mother is still living, aged seventy-six.

William P. McNeall had a very modest equipment when he married, and he and his wife started out as farm renters. The first year they spent on Job Robinson's farm, three years on the farm of Ed Yeargain in Gilmer Township, and for six years on one farm near Hamilton, Ohio. These ten years of renting gave them their real start in life, and they then invested their savings in the J. T. Trout farm near Columbus. They also bought the Samuel Clothier farm in the same locality. For the first place they paid \$21 an acre and for the second \$40 an acre. Mr. McNeall has made his land more than pay its way, and for a number of years has been a successful stock raiser and stock man. He is a breeder of Pecheron horses, and all his stock is of the better grade. He has shipped many carloads from his own farm.

He was one of the interested principals in the organization of the Coatsburg Grain and Livestock Company on December 12, 1917. The other partners in the enterprise are Edward Lohr, Charles Lawless and Willis Cook.



These three gentlemen reside at Paloma. Though this is a new organization the company has handled a large amount of grain and livestock produced in the Coatsburg territory. They shipped forty carloads of wheat from the new crop of 1918, and on the average send about a carload of stock to the St. Louis markets every week.

Mr. McNeall has also figured as a merchant at Columbus, for four years being a hardware and agricultural implement dealer and for two years conducting a general store. The family enterprise is the Central Telephone Office at Columbus, located in the family residence, with his daughter Nina as chief operator. Mr. McNeall has served on the school board and as village trustee of Columbus, is a democratic voter, he and his family are Methodists, and he has filled the chairs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge at Columbus and is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. and Mrs. McNeall have three daughters, all of them still at home, named Nina, Iva and Celina.

**WILLIAM J. LEPPER.** Everyone in the Melrose community of Adams County knows the home of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Lepper. It is one of the conspicuous farms of the county and shows the result of many years of faithful labor, economical management and thrift on the part of its proprietors, who beginning on a very humble scale, in debt for their land, have not only provided amply for the comforts and conveniences of life but have reared a noble family of sons to do them honor.

Mr. Lepper was born in Quincy April 25, 1863. He was the oldest of thirteen children, nine sons and four daughters. Eleven of these children are still living, all in Adams County, and seven have their homes in Melrose Township. Their parents were Frederick and Fredericka (Elleman) Lepper. Frederick Lepper was born in West Phalen, Germany, as was also his wife. His birth occurred May 15, 1838, and he died March 2, 1905. When a small boy he came to the United States with his brother Charles. After a voyage lasting eleven weeks they landed in this country and soon identified themselves with Adams County. Frederick Lepper as a boy worked on a farm, also learned and followed for ten years the cooper's trade, and spent eleven years with the Bonnet & Duffey Stove Company at Fifth and Ohio streets in Quincy. As a youth he was willing to take up arms in defense of his adopted country as a true American, and volunteered in the Union army, but his service was brief on account of illness, resulting in his honorable discharge. Frederick Lepper finally bought the T. V. Bishop farm in Melrose Township. He went in debt for the land, and before completing his payments made another purchase of the Winchell farm. Notwithstanding the fact that he paid as high as 9 per cent interest on his borrowed capital he got rid of all his obligations and indebtedness with the aid of his sons, and at one time owned 280 acres in Melrose Township. He was a man of the highest standing as a farmer and citizen and taught all his children the lessons of industry and honesty. In politics he was a republican. He and his wife were members of the St. Jacobi Church at Quincy. Both are now at rest in the Woodland Cemetery, where a monument stands sacred to their memory. His wife was born in the same locality as her husband and was fourteen years old when she came to the United States, landing at New Orleans. She died July 6, 1918. She endeared herself to a large circle of friends and acquaintances and proved a friend in need to many of the unfortunate.

William J. Lepper was educated in both the English and German schools at Quincy, and since young manhood has been making his own way in the world. On October 11, 1887, at the age of twenty-four, he married Miss Mary A. Keppner. To their marriage were born six children, five sons and one daughter. The daughter, Ella May, is now deceased, but all the sons have grown or are growing to stalwart manhood. The oldest is Walter C., who was educated in the common schools and now lives on Thirtieth and Broadway

and is engaged in the grocery business in Quincy. He is a republican. He married Minnie Robertson, and their two daughters are Grace and Helen. Wilbur G., the second son, is a substantial farmer of Melrose Township. He was likewise educated in the common schools, and his voting is done as a republican. By his marriage to Laura Hoerner there are three children, Virgil Walter, Pansy A. and Violet. Harvey H. was educated in the common schools and lives in Quincy. Ralph H. has completed his school work and is greatly inclined to the agricultural vocation and is living with his parents. Clarence Frederick, the youngest, is still in grade schools.

Mrs. Lepper was born June 26, 1869, ninth of the ten children, six sons and four daughters, of Christian and Josephine (Stockley) Keppner. She and three other of the children are still living. Henry is a retired resident of Pasadena, California, was well educated and was a successful man during his active career, is a democrat and is a widower with three children. Christ Keppner is a practical and well to do farmer at Bluff Hall in Adams County and has a family of wife and three daughters, and one son now deceased. George is a farmer at LaPrairie in Adams County and has three daughters and one son.

Mrs. Lepper was educated in the common schools, and for thirty years since her marriage has sustained a noble and energetic part in rearing her family and assisting her husband in building up their home. Her father, Christian Keppner was born in Baden, Germany, May 18, 1824, and died February 25, 1891. He came to America when a young man in order to escape the service of the German army, and from St. Louis made his way to Adams County. He worked for some years at the cooper's trade and finally bought eighty acres of land in Melrose Township. He was an arrival in Adams County when Quincy was a village and when the surrounding country was largely untouched by the civilizing hand of man. In the early days he frequently cut cord wood, hauled it to town and sold it for 75c a cord. In politics he was affiliated with the democratic party. He and his wife are buried in St. Antonius Cemetery. His wife also came from Baden, Germany, and was an infant when brought to this county, where she was reared and educated. She was born October 20, 1832, and died April 16, 1896.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lepper established their home on rented land, the old Keppner farm. They were there two years and then contracted to purchase the farm known as the old Beilstein place of 100 acres. It was a big responsibility they assumed, and they not only paid a large debt but with high interest rates. The difficulty of meeting their obligations was intensified because of low prices for products in those days. Mr. Lepper frequently sold wheat as low as 50 cents a bushel and hogs at 3¼ cents a pound. Fortunately he has continued his operations long enough to reap the advantages of modern fancy war prices. In 1917 he sold some of his wheat for \$3.20 a bushel. On April 1, 1918, he disposed of his hogs at \$16.25 per 100. The first home of the Lepper family, where most of the children were born and reared, was a log house, with limited comforts and facilities. That old building is still standing as one of the considerable group of building improvements that have grown up on the farm. They made their home in that log house for twenty-one years. It was replaced with the present handsome and substantial house, together with many outside improvements. Today the family have their home and property absolutely clear of debt, and the entire achievements stand as a most creditable testimony to the good work and self denial of Mr. and Mrs. Lepper. Politically Mr. Lepper cast his first presidential vote for James G. Blaine and has always been a steadfast republican. He has served as a road overseer and has done what he could to support good highways. Mr. and Mrs. Lepper have surrounded themselves with many of the comforts and conveniences of life, including a good car which takes them quickly to the city and to their distant friends.



WILLIAM M. LOGUE, a retired citizen of Clayton, has the enviable distinction of a man who has lived almost eighty years. More than six decades of that time have been spent in Adams County. Mr. Logue has put a great deal of experience, hard work and masterful activity into his lifetime. He has deserved well of his fellowmen, and some of the best riches he counts are the friendships and companionships he has enjoyed.

He was born in West Virginia July 8, 1839, son of John and Elizabeth (Mahan) Logue. His father was born in West Virginia in 1810 and his mother in Brooke County of the same state, then Old Virginia, March 7, 1816. They were married March 8, 1838, and the mother died March 16, 1875, and the father in 1888. John Logue brought his family West and located in Adams County in 1855, settling in Clayton Township and acquiring 570 acres of land there. He spent his last years on the old homestead with his son William. He was a democrat and a member of the Presbyterian Church. John and Elizabeth Logue had the following children: William M.; Joseph, who died in infancy; John C., who was born February 17, 1842, served in the Union army during the Civil war, was for many years a well known resident of Clayton Township, and is now living in Nebraska; Irvin, born July 17, 1843; James, born in 1845; Mary, born August 6, 1848; Albert, born February 12, 1850; Margaret E., born April 12, 1852; and Virginia, born January 25, 1855. Most of these children died young, five of them in 1855, and one in 1860. William and John C. are the only sons still living.

William M. Logue was sixteen years of age when he arrived with his parents in Adams County on April 8, 1855. He had attended school in West Virginia and also an academic institution at Paris, Pennsylvania. It is a long look backward to his school days, but Mr. Logue recalls with appropriate pride the fact that while at Paris he was given a prize for his penmanship. After reaching Adams County his routine was one of hard work on the farm, helping his father clear up the land, and eventually he succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead of 570 acres in Clayton Township, and also had some land in Brown County. In later years he sold a quarter section from the old farm, but still owns 410 acres, under a high state of cultivation, a most valuable property. In March, 1915, Mr. Logue left the care of the farm to others and moved to the village of Clayton, where he has one of the good homes. He is a democrat in politics, and for fifteen years while living in the country served as road commissioner. He is a devout Baptist and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

October 17, 1861, fifty-seven years ago, Mr. Logue married Harriet E. Davis, who was born in Clayton Township January 6, 1844, daughter of Washington and Nancy (Chipman) Davis. Her father was a native of Virginia and her mother of North Carolina, and they were among the pioneer citizens of Clayton Township, where they spent the rest of their lives. Mr. Logue and wife had five children: Curran E., born August 31, 1862, a farmer in Clayton Township, who married Effie Curry; Julia B., born January 11, 1865, and died in infancy; Nannie C., born October 8, 1867, and died in October, 1914, the wife of B. F. Clark, and their only child, Floyd Clark, died in 1915; William Chester, born February 25, 1869, was formerly a merchant at Clayton, and by his marriage to Neva Kirkpatrick had one child, Nina; and Lizzie, born July 25, 1870, wife of G. W. Sargent and mother of one child, Elvira.

Mr. Logue's father before coming to Adams County lived in what is known as the Panhandle of West Virginia, near the Ohio River. He was a farmer and also participated in the transportation of that day, taking a flatboat of goods down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, disposing of his cargo at New Orleans, and returning either on foot or by boat. Mr. and Mrs. William Logue have always been very active in church and Sunday school, and have been among the leading supporters of the Baptist denomination in their part of the county. When in the high tide of his work as a farmer Mr. Logue did much



in the breeding of Polled Angus cattle, and was one of the large cattle feeders of the township.

**GOTTLIEB BUNTE.** The home of Gottlieb Bunte and his capable and enterprising wife and companion, to whom he gives the chief credit for their splendid success and prosperity, is at 2615 State Street, Quincy, in Melrose Township.

Mr. Bunte was born in Herford, Germany, November 9, 1857, and was eight years of age when he came to the United States with his parents, Casper and Louisa (Hadenherst) Bunte. His father was a stone mason and butcher by trade and also a farmer. A cousin, Herman Bunte, had come to Quincy some years previously, and that was the attraction which brought Casper and his family to Quincy. He arrived with some means and soon bought a residence on Jackson between Eighth and Ninth streets. That was his home until he went to a farm, and in the meantime he followed his trade as a stone mason. For some years he farmed at Fowler Station, but finally returned to his trade in Quincy and his old home. His last years were spent partly with a son Herman in Burton Township, but his very last days were passed quietly with his son Gottlieb, who dutifully looked after both his parents in their old age. His mother died on her eighty-fourth birthday and his father passed away at the age of eighty. There were five children in the family. Herman is a farmer in Columbus Township. Henry, who died at the age of thirty-three, was a foundryman. William, known as "Big Bill," died at the age of fifty-seven, and his son, Gustav A., is now a farmer and is also a clerk in the postoffice at Quincy. William, known as "Little Bill," was adopted at the death of his mother. His father had requested that he be known as William, and in order to distinguish these two sons in the Bunte family one was called Big Bill and the other Little Bill. Little Bill is now a retired farmer at Twenty-fifth and Broadway in Quincy. The next in age is Gottlieb, and his sister Hannah married Henry Hayner and died leaving five children.

Gottlieb Bunte learned the moulder's trade, beginning in 1875 in the Comstock foundry. That was his business for over thirty years, until 1906, and most of his work was done in the same shop. For eleven years he was at the Sheridan factory. Most of his experience as a foundryman was in the molding of stoves. In 1906 Mr. Bunte moved to his present farm of twenty-three acres just outside the city limits, where he established a dairy and is still supplying a large line of old customers with milk. He has a herd of twelve cows, Holstein and Guernseys. He also keeps a number of pure bred Hampshire hogs.

This place was the old Von der Reith place of Mrs. Bunte's father, Henry Von der Reith, who erected the house twenty years ago, a substantial two-story, brick, six-room house, first class in every particular and comparing favorably with many city homes. Mrs. Bunte had cared for her parents some years, and after their deaths she bought the place.

At the age of twenty Mr. Bunte married for his first wife Anna Wellhaner. Their companionship continued for seventeen years. By this marriage Mr. Bunte had three children: Mrs. Nora Lepper, of Quincy; Arthur, a farmer in Colorado; and Elsie, at home.

January 16, 1902, Mr. Bunte married Miss Adele Von der Reith. She was born in Hanover, Germany, and was twelve years of age when she came to the United States with her parents, Henry and Catherine Von der Reith. Her father was an employe in a paper mill until he took up farming on land subsequently included in the campus of the Chaddock College at Quincy. He bought this land from Mr. Littlefield, who had owned the site of Chaddock College. Henry Von der Reith died on his farm at the age of seventy-nine and his wife at sixty-five. Both had been solicitously cared for in their later years by Gottlieb and Adele Bunte. Mrs. Bunte's only brother is Claus Von der Reith, a gardener located at Twenty-fourth and Jefferson streets in Quincy.

Mrs. Bunte inherited half of her parents' estate and bought the interest of her brother in the other half. She has been a splendid helpmate to her husband and a most methodical and thorough business woman. Mr. Bunte dates his real prosperity and substance from his marriage to Mrs. Bunte. Besides their home property they have city property.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunte have two children, Mary, in the office of the Quincy Stove Works, and Walter. Walter, aged fifteen, is very popular along the Bunte milk route, where he delivers the product of the dairy to the customers, many of whom are among the best people in Quincy and look upon Walter as a member of their own families.

**JAMES B. COE.** For fifty years the name of Coe has been a factor in the mercantile and other lines of business at Clayton, and in Concord Township, a few miles south, there is a large body of fine farming land which has never been out of the Coe title since the government transferred it to private ownership.

It was on that land, which he now owns, that James Bissell Coe was born in Concord Township June 25, 1853, son of Henry P. and Mary Ellen (Bissell) Coe. His parents were both natives of Connecticut. Henry P. Coe was born in that state November 27, 1817, son of Henry and Sophronia (Elmar) Coe. Mary Ellen Bissell was born in Connecticut in 1818. They married in that state, moved to Ohio in 1837, and in 1842 arrived in Adams County and acquired a tract of government land in Concord Township. Henry P. Coe extended his possessions until he was owner of 500 acres there. He was also a traveling salesman for a number of years. His wife died in 1865, and in 1866 he removed to the Village of Clayton, where he engaged in the hardware and tin business. He was quite active in democratic politics, serving in local offices in Concord Township. He died at Clayton January 18, 1897, when in his eightieth year. He was the father of four children by his first marriage: Henry P., born November 27, 1847; Mary Ellen, born in 1850, and died in 1854; James B., born June 25, 1853; and Charles A., born December 30, 1855. Henry P. Coe married for his second wife Mrs. Helen (Brown) Le Saage. They had one child, Edwin B.

James B. Coe spent his life on his father's farm until he was twelve years of age, and afterwards attended the village schools of Clayton and was also in school in Chicago for a time. In 1883 his father's place of business at Clayton was burned out, and in the reorganization that followed in 1884 James B. Coe took over the hardware department and continued that business from 1884 until 1909, a period of twenty-five years. Mr. Coe also owns a farm near Clayton, and his place in Concord Township comprises 386 acres. He handles his crops and his land through the services of tenants and hired help.

Mr. Coe is a democrat, as was his father before him, and has served two terms as president of Clayton Village, for about twelve years was a member of the school board, and president of the board when the new school house was built, and during the second administration of Cleveland was appointed postmaster and filled that office six years. He is affiliated with Clayton Lodge No. 147, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Clayton Chapter No. 104, Royal Arch Masons, Delta Commandery No. 48, Knight Templar, and he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star and he also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. They attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Coe was secretary of the Clayton Building and Loan Association during its existence.

June 24, 1885, he married Miss Mary C. Smith. Mrs. Coe was born in Pike County, Illinois, at Perry, March 9, 1862, daughter of Milby and Elvira (Summers) Smith. Her father died March 14, 1879, and her mother in 1875.

Mr. and Mrs. Coe have one daughter, Mary Greta, who has had a very unusual experience and success as an educator. She was born December 6,







FREDERICK MILLER

1886, was educated in the Clayton High School, in the Illinois Woman's College of Jacksonville, of which she is a graduate, and she now holds a life certificate as teacher from the State of Illinois and also from Indiana. For five years she was connected with the public schools of Clayton, was also located at Roseville, Illinois, and for a time at River Forest in Cook County. She is now supervisor of music in the schools of La Porte, Indiana.

**JAMES HENRY CRAIG.** The Craig family have been identified with Liberty Township for over eighty years. The late James H. Craig was born in that township nearly seventy-five years ago, and was long one of its most capable farmers and hardworking and straight-forward citizens.

He was born on an adjoining farm June 23, 1844, and died at his home place in section 36, five miles southeast of Liberty Village, June 9, 1909, aged sixty-four years, eleven months and seven days. His father, John Craig, was born in Kentucky August 10, 1812, and when a child went with his parents to Indiana. In 1830 he came to Adams County and settled in Liberty Township. In 1836 John Craig married Agnes Farmer. She was born in Alabama May 18, 1818, and was brought to Adams County by her father in 1835. John Craig was one of the prosperous pioneers of Liberty Township, owned 400 acres of land, and died August 28, 1877. He and his wife had twelve children, and of those to reach mature years there were four daughters and six sons, named Milton, Sarah A., Charles W., James H., Perleta J., John C., Jasial, Andrew J., Lucy E. and Malvina A. Those who survived James Henry and have since died were: Sarah, Mrs. Gordon, who died at Santa Rosa, California; Mrs. Lucy Hunsaker, of Decatur, Arkansas; Mrs. Malvina Callahan, of Wichita, Kansas; Jesse, of Timewell, Illinois; Jackson, who lived with his brother James; and Paulina A. Miller. Those who died before James were Milton, who served as a Union soldier from 1862 in the Seventy-Eighth Illinois Infantry to the end of the war, and afterwards lived in Liberty Township and died about a year before his brother James; Robert, who died in early youth; and Charles, who died at the age of thirty-five.

May 23, 1883, James Henry Craig married Miss Sarah Miller. Theirs was an ideal companionship for over a quarter of a century. For four years James Craig served as deputy sheriff under his cousin, George Craig, and during that time lived in Quincy and had charge of the jail. His home farm comprises 160 acres, a part of his father's old homestead. James Craig built the present house just before his marriage and afterward put up barns and there lived an industrious and peaceful life. He was a democrat. He was not a church member but attended the Pleasant View Baptist Church of which Mrs. Craig is a member.

**FREDERICK MILLER** was one of the pioneers of Adams County, and the family have been numbered among the good citizens of this locality for over eighty years.

Frederick Miller was born in Germany February 5, 1821, son of David and Dora Miller. When he was a small boy his parents came to the United States, lived in Pennsylvania and Ohio several years, and in 1836 established their home in Liberty Township of Adams County, near the present village of Kingston. David Miller and wife both reached advanced years, she passing away at the age of eighty. David Miller finally moved to Liberty Township with his three sons, Frederick, Gottlieb and Jacob, all of whom settled in the same locality. Jacob later moved to Hancock County and died there in advanced years. Gottlieb spent his last days at Barry, where he died January 12, 1896. His son, William Miller, is a merchant at Barry. Jacob has a son David who is in the lumber business at Carthage, Illinois.

Frederick Miller was about fifteen years old when he came to Adams County. He grew up here and in November, 1847, married Elizabeth Perkins. She was born in Iowa August 30, 1830, and died July 30, 1908. Her parents were Solomon and Mary, or Polly (Ogle), Perkins. Solomon Perkins was born in Kentucky and was brought to Illinois at the age of seven years. At the age of

nineteen he married Mary Ogle, then sixteen. She was born in St. Clair County, Illinois, in 1802, daughter of Rev. Benjamin Ogle. Solomon Perkins served as a captain in the Blackhawk Indian war, being at that time a resident of Sangamon County, Illinois. About the close of that war he moved to Des Moines County, Iowa, and in 1844 came to Adams County. In 1852 he again went to Iowa, and when an old man, at the age of eighty-four, he moved out to Butler County, Nebraska, where he died December 17, 1886, at the age of eighty-six. His wife also died near David City, Nebraska, November 8, 1884, aged eighty-two.

Frederick Miller learned the blacksmith trade when a youth and set up a shop on his farm, working in it day and night and hiring help to run the farm until his own sons were old enough. His farm was on the township line between Liberty and Ridgefield townships, and contained 270 acres. It is still owned by his heirs. Frederick Miller was reared a Lutheran, and always adhered to that religion, while his wife was a Baptist.

Frederick Miller and wife had six children to reach mature years: Sarah, who was born on the old Miller farm November 28, 1848, and is now the widow of James H. Craig; Isaac, a resident of Macomb, Illinois; George, who spent his life in Liberty Township and died at Coatsburg at the age of fifty-one; Mary, wife of William H. Barnard; Emma, who has never married and for years devoted herself self-sacrificingly to caring for her parents at their old home and is now living with her sister Mrs. Craig; and Calvin F., a traveling salesman whose home is at Macomb.

HENRY L. ADAIR, father of the present state's attorney of Adams County, has long been a prominent factor in the farming and stock raising interests of the county, and though never inclined to politics made a very enviable record while on the board of supervisors.

Mr. Adair was born in Honey Creek Township December 14, 1855. His father, Willis M. Adair, was born in Nicholas County, Kentucky, and came to Illinois when a young man. He bought 400 acres in Honey Creek Township, and lived on that place the rest of his life, clearing and improving and otherwise making his industrious presence felt. A few years after coming to Adams County he returned to Kentucky and brought some Short Horn Durham cattle, both male and female, and these no doubt were the first of these cattle brought to Adams County. Mr. Adair died April 6, 1866. He was one of the leaders in the democratic party, and served as assessor for fifteen or twenty years and also as school director. He was twice married. His second wife was Margaret J. Hester. She was born in Tennessee February 4, 1829, and came to Adams County when a young girl. She was still very young at the time of her marriage. She survived her husband half a century and at her death in January, 1917, lacked only a few days of being eighty-eight years of age. She kept her children together, reared them on the old farm, and about 1895 went to live with a daughter at St. Paul, Minnesota, afterward lived with a daughter at Springfield, Illinois, and about 1910 established her home in Clayton, where she could be near her son Henry L. Her four children were: Henry L.; Joel D., a farmer at Carthage, Illinois; Emma, who was married to John McGinley and died a few years later; and Amanda, wife of D. C. Frederick, a railroad man living at Springfield, Illinois.

Henry L. Adair grew up on the old farm in Honey Creek Township and had active charge of its cultivation and management from about the time he was fifteen or sixteen years old. When he was twenty-six he married Miss Emma Pevehouse, daughter of J. J. and Susan Pevehouse, of Brown County. Mrs. Adair was born in Brown County, her parents living four miles east of Clayton. In order that she might remain near them Mr. and Mrs. Adair sold their interests in Honey Creek Township and bought a place two miles east of Clayton in Adams County and half a mile from the Brown County line.

Mr. Adair while living in Honey Creek Township became interested in



the breeding of fine hogs. Since 1880 he has been one of the foremost exponents of the Poland China, and is not only a pioneer breeder of that strain in this county but in Illinois. He developed the business as a specialty and for many years directed practically the resources of his farm and his personal management to this line. He exhibited his stock in all the nearby county fairs and also at the state fairs, and won his share of the prizes. For many years he held annual sales at the farm, employing a professional auctioneer, and these sales were always attended by a large number of farmers and others interested in the Poland China stock. Most of his animals were sold for breeding purposes, and they did much to raise the standard of swine all over this part of Illinois. Mr. Adair continued this special branch of his business actively from about 1890 until 1907. In 1890 he moved to Clayton Township, and at the present he and wife have 140 acres, eighty acres of this being in Clayton Township and sixty acres in Brown Township. A part of this land came to his wife through her father's estate.

His term as supervisor from Clayton Township ran from 1906 to 1912. He was chairman of the board in 1910-11, and at the same time was chairman of the board of review. It was only at the urgent request of his fellow citizens that he consented to become a candidate for the office. His fellow citizens were especially interested in the subject of bridge improvement, and they selected Mr. Adair to carry out their plans and ideas. As supervisor he at once secured appropriations for the construction of several bridges, each costing \$1,500. Three of them were built wholly of concrete and the other two of steel. During his term one of the important improvements in the village limits of Clayton was a bridge, and the village being without funds for building it Mr. Adair secured an appropriation from the county board. The bridge, of concrete, was constructed at a cost of \$1,000. Mr. Adair is an active party worker as a democrat and has served as a member of the County Central Committee. He is a member of the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen, and Mrs. Adair is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

They have two sons, J. Leroy Adair, state's attorney, and Orville Ray. The latter is a merchant miller at Clayton, and by his marriage to Marie Love has two children, Ruth Virginia and Grace Mary.

**GEORGE WILLIAM KEASEL.** A stanch and intelligent farmer and one of the upright and progressive citizens of Melrose Township, the home of George William Keasel is thirteen miles southeast of the courthouse, close to the Quincy-Payson road.

This is the old Keasel homestead, and Mr. Keasel was born there in the house which he still occupies July 29, 1873. He is a son of Henry and Catherine (Ertle) Keasel. Both parents were born in Germany. The father came to this country when a young man, and he and his wife were married at Quincy. For several years he was teamster for the Eagle Mills in Quincy. About 1860 he bought eighty acres of partly cleared land in Melrose Township, and took possession of it when its chief improvements were a log house and barn. He built the present house in 1868, also the barn, and increased his acreage by twenty. He worked out of debt, made a good farm, and was always regarded as one of the careful, methodical and successful farmers and one of the very public spirited citizens of his locality. He was a democrat and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church at Quincy, but in later years attended the Bluff Hall Church  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles from his home. Henry Keasel died October 18, 1902, and his wife July 25, 1900. They had two sons and two daughters: Elizabeth is the wife of Henry King, Sr., of Quincy, Henry lives in Fall Creek Township on the old home place, Catherine married William Albsmeyer, and died in Kansas, and George William is the youngest.

George William Keasel has spent his life on the old farm except a few years when he rented. In 1917 he returned to the old place to take active

charge, employing his resources for general farming. He was always kept out of office and in politics is an independent democrat.

October 24, 1917, Mr. Keasel married Miss Emma Vorndam, of Quincy, daughter of Casper H. and Frederica Vorndam, who reside at 522 Jackson Street in Quincy. Her father is a watchman in the local foundry. Mrs. Keasel is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Quincy.

**MARTIN WOLF.** The home of Martin Wolf is in Melrose Township, ten miles southeast of the courthouse, where the Payson road crosses Mill Creek by the arch stone bridge. This locality has been familiar to Mr. Wolf from his earliest recollections. The old bridge was built in 1856, and almost at the same spot and in the same year, November 15, 1856, Martin Wolf was born to his parents, William and Elizabeth (Wagner) Wolf.

William Wolf, his father, was a native of Kentucky and was brought to Adams County by his parents, Jacob and Sophia Wolf, in 1834. They settled on the old farm a half mile north of the present farm of Martin Wolf. William died in 1877, at the age of sixty-three. As an Adams County pioneer he cleared up a portion of the wilderness, and he built the house which is still standing on the farm and still owned by the family. Jacob Wolf died at the old home aged eighty-four, and Sophia died at the same age but four years later. Jacob's children were: William; Barbara, who married William Manigold and both died in Liberty Township, their son Louis now owning their old farm; Sophia, who married B. Miller, and both died in Quincy; Louisa, who married Henry Dover, and she died in Quincy; and Fred, who in young manhood went out to California and has never since communicated with his family.

William Wolf married at the age of thirty-five Elizabeth Wagner. She was born in Germany and was eighteen years of age when she came to Adams County, and her home was in Melrose Township until her marriage, at the age of twenty-seven. She and her husband then occupied their eighty acre farm, about half of which was bottom land along Mill Creek, and built the house still occupied by their son Martin. William Wolf spent the rest of his days developing the farm, and upon that he concentrated all his energy and enthusiasm. He had no time for public office, though he was a very loyal democrat. He was also a member of the Lutheran Church at Quincy. He died in 1877, and his widow survived until May, 1908, at the age of eighty-four. William Wolf had a family of eight children, five of whom reached maturity. Jacob, who for eighteen years was employed in Dick's brewery at Quincy, and died at the age of fifty-six; Henry, of Melrose Township; Martin; William, of Quincy; and Barbara, who died in 1900, at the age of forty-two, the wife of Henry Kamphaus.

Martin Wolf has spent his entire life on the farm. He bought the old place and for a number of years supplied a home and every comfort to his mother in her declining years. He has increased somewhat the area of the old place, and has done much to improve and increase its general value and productiveness. He has the farm in use for general crop production and livestock. Mr. Wolf has held no office, and is content to vote the democratic ticket.

At the age of twenty-seven he married Miss Elizabeth Huber, daughter of Lawrence and Elizabeth (Zoph) Huber, of Melrose Township. The Huber home is four miles northeast of the Wolf home and three miles west and south of Burton, where Mrs. Wolf's father settled and cleared up a good homestead still owned by the son, George Huber. Mrs. Wolf was born on that farm and was twenty-two years of age at the time of her marriage. Her father was a native of Baden and her mother of Bavaria, and they were married after they came to Quincy. Mrs. Wolf was only three months old when her father died. She was one of the seven children left to the care of her mother, who did a noble part by the children, rearing them to lives of usefulness and honor, and herself living to be seventy-two years of age.



Mr. and Mrs. Wolf lost one daughter in childhood named Rosina. The oldest of their four living children is Edward, who farms in Pike County, Illinois, on one of the Seymour places. He married Emma Bock, daughter of William Bock. Their three children are Grace, Dorothy and Edna. Albert, who farms the home place, married Kate Dietrich, daughter of Nicholas Dietrich. They also have three children, Rosella, Malvin and Paul. Clara married Matt Blickhan, of Melrose Township, and is the mother of four children, Mary, Hilda, Elsie and Joseph. The youngest child, Mary, is still at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wolf. The Wolf family are members of St. Antonius Catholic Church.

JOHN ROBERT ABBOTT. The Township of Melrose has had no citizen whose work and interests have been more closely identified with its general welfare than John Robert Abbott, who now and for some years has been the efficient supervisor of the township. He is a native of Adams County, was formerly a resident of Quincy, and for a number of years has been in close touch with the agricultural affairs of Melrose Township.

Mr. Abbott was born December 31, 1866, and his birthplace was within a stone's throw of the banks of the Mississippi. He is a son of William H. and Annie (Kennedy) Abbott. He was the fifth in their family of ten children, four sons and six daughters, seven of whom are still living but only two are residents of Adams County, the other being former Mayor Abbott of Quincy.

William H. Abbott was born at Barnstaple, Devonshire, England, September 29, 1831. He represented the thrifty class of people who for generations have characterized the population of old Devon. As a youth he attended the national schools, and also worked in his father's woolen mills. He was superintendent of these mills, but when about twenty-six years of age left the old country and came to America. The voyage was made on a sailing vessel, and he was eight or ten weeks in crossing the ocean to New York. He remained in New York State a couple of years, two or three years at London, Ontario, and from there came to Adams County. Part of the time he followed the trade of brick and stone mason, and for a number of years was proprietor of a restaurant and bakery on Front Street in Quincy. He finally moved to the country and spent his last years as a farmer. He died September 24, 1894, and his remains are at rest in the Woodland Cemetery. In New York City William H. Abbott married Miss Annie Kennedy, and they came together to Quincy. She was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in July, 1838, and died January 17, 1906. When she came to America she was eighteen years of age, and had a very perilous trip. The voyage was made in an old type of sailing vessel called the *Enterprise*, and it was beset by storms and other misfortunes until it finally became almost a derelict. The boat was driven from its course and was almost thrown on the bleak and inhospitable shores of Greenland. At one time the ship was thought to be sinking and the hatches were nailed down. A number of sailors, owing to exposure to the severe cold, had hands and feet frozen and many amputations were necessary. It was seventeen weeks before the boat finally made harbor at New York. Mr. John R. Abbott now has among his private possessions an old English Bible which belonged to his grandparents and which was published in 1823. Thus it is ninety-five years old.

John R. Abbott was educated in the common schools of Adams County, and also did much to improve his mind by self study. He has always been an exceedingly busy man. In early life he was clerk in several of the stores and commercial establishments at Quincy. He learned the harness and saddlery business and for about twelve years followed that trade in Quincy.

January 19, 1898, he married Miss Cora May Martin, who was born on Oak Street in Quincy February 10, 1871. She is a daughter of Hiram G. and Elizabeth (Pate) Martin. She was one of five children, only two of whom are



now living, her brother Frank having for a number of years been an engineer with the Burlington Railroad, but now a coal mine superintendent at Carterville, Illinois, where he lives with his family. Mrs. Abbott was educated in the city schools of Quincy and is a woman of keen intellectual interests and deserves her full share of the credit for the prosperity she and Mr. Abbott have enjoyed.

In 1899, the year after their marriage, they moved to a farm in Melrose Township and since then they have made for themselves a comfortable home and prosperity and have been active participants in the life and affairs of the community. Their farm comprises sixty-seven acres of fine land on the State Aid road, located about five miles from the courthouse. Mr. Abbott is both a grain and fruit raiser.

He has always given his active political allegiance to the democratic party. He is one of that increasing number of men who appreciate the character and the fine ideals of statesmanship in President Wilson and ardently hope and exert their influence toward the success of his policies in this country and abroad. Mr. Abbott had lived in Melrose Township only a few years when his qualifications for public office brought him to the front. He was first elected township supervisor in April, 1908. That was a close and hotly contested campaign, his rival for the office being C. S. Hearn, one of the best known citizens of the township. In 1910 Mr. Abbott was re-elected, and was again elected in 1914, re-elected in 1916, and his party has again made him candidate in 1918. In politics and in public affairs Mr. Abbott has stood for straight and honorable principles and methods, and has kept the township business free from everything that would savor of inefficiency. He has always advocated proper improvements for the township in keeping with its place in Adams County. The nine schools of Melrose Township are in excellent condition, and Mr. Abbott was a very important and instrumental factor in establishing the good roads, especially the splendid State Aid road, which runs through the township as a continuation of State Street in Quincy. As a party man Mr. Abbott was selected as a delegate to the State Convention of Peoria in 1906 and also attended state conventions at Peoria in 1912 and at Springfield in 1914. He is affiliated with Preux Chevalier Lodge No. 18 of the Knights of Pythias at Quincy.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott have always striven to broaden their interests, not only in the community life about them but in those things that go on in the world at large. One of the most delightful experiences they have enjoyed during their married life was an extended tour they made in the year 1907 to eastern cities with the primary objective the Jamestown Exposition at Norfolk, Virginia. They left Quincy May 24, 1907, went by way of Cincinnati to Gordonsville, Virginia, and were in Virginia long enough to appreciate the true character and flavor of southern hospitality. From Gordonsville they proceeded to Washington, District of Columbia, and they carry in their memories all the historic sights and scenes of the nation's capital, including the various Government buildings and the White House, the noted thoroughfare of Pennsylvania Avenue, the little Ford Theater where President Lincoln was assassinated, and other landmarks. They also went to Mount Vernon, visiting the home of the immortal Washington and also his tomb, and spent many interesting hours in the house and about the grounds of Mount Vernon. From there they went on to the exposition and also visited Old Jamestown. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott have some interesting relics of the little red brick church, the material for which was brought from old England more than three centuries ago. Mrs. Abbott brought back a piece of bark from the large tree that stands in front of the old church ruins. Leaving Jamestown they went through Washington to Philadelphia and to New York City, spending three days in the metropolis, and came home by way of Niagara Falls, where they spent three days, and altogether made a trip of 3,000 miles, every mile of which they thoroughly enjoyed and made an opportunity for instruction and lasting impressions.

PHILIP EHRRHARDT. A long life and one that meant much for himself, his family and his community was that of the late Philip Ehrhardt of Melrose Township, who died at the farm and home which his efforts and service of many years had perfected on January 6, 1913.

He was born in Thuringen, Germany, December 15, 1827, and was in his eighty-sixth year when he died. He came to the United States at the age of thirty-three, in company with a party of neighbors. In his native village he had worked in a brick yard, making brick and tile, and his earnings all went to his parents until the last year. On coming to Adams County he was employed by William Wand, father of John Wand, at farm labor at 50 cents a day. He continued such employment with such meager wages until after his marriage.

In St. Boniface Church at Quincy on August 30, 1859, he married Justina Mast. She was born December 15, 1841, also in Thuringen, Germany, and was about nine years old when her parents, August and Katharina (Schrecke) Mast, came to America. The Mast family spent six years in Marion County, Missouri. Katharina Schrecke's brother Ferdinand was then living in that county, a cooper by trade. At the end of six years Mr. and Mrs. Mast came to Adams County and rented in Melrose Township near St. Antonius Church. August Mast enlisted for service in the Civil war, and his son John also went with him, being then nineteen years of age. He and his son were in the same company. At the end of one year August was discharged, but John remained until the close of the war. On returning home August Mast secured a farm on the Payson road in Melrose Township, and lived there until his death at the age of sixty-three. His widow survived him and passed away at the age of seventy-nine, at the home of her daughter Mrs. Ehrhardt. In the Mast family were six children: Justina; John, whose service as a Civil war veteran has already been referred to, became a farmer near Moberly, Missouri, and died there in May, 1915; Henry, a resident near Moberly; David, a farmer who lives near the old homestead in Melrose Township and operates the old home farm; Philip, who lives near the farm owned by his brother John in Randolph County, Missouri; and Bernhard, whose home is in the suburbs of Quincy.

Philip Ehrhardt after his marriage went to farming. He had saved some money from his meager earnings and about that time he received \$100 from the old family property in Germany. He bought a team and rented land for five years, and then bought the homestead which Mrs. Ehrhardt still owns. He paid \$2,000 for fifty acres, paying about \$400 down and borrowing \$85 to pay his share of the bounty raised by the township to secure recruits for the army. This was during the Civil war. Mr. Ehrhardt paid 10 per cent interest on a loan of \$1,000, and before the principal was reduced he calculated he had paid out \$1,200 in interest. He finally got the interest rates reduced to 8 per cent. In spite of all those handicaps his constant struggle with fortune enabled him to accumulate a good farm of ninety-nine acres. It was an era of the lowest prices, when eggs sold at 4 cents a dozen and poultry at 5 cents a pound. The Ehrhardt family lived for several years in a log shanty, with the cracks stuffed with corn chucks. The building contained only one room, and the window had but half a sash. After two years he built a somewhat better home, made more commodious by a loft, in which the children slept. There was a hole in the ground for certain supplies, but there was no regular cellar under the home for twenty-six years. About 1896 Mr. Ehrhardt built the substantial residence in which he spent his last years. He took an interest in citizenship, became an American voter as early as possible, and was a democrat but never sought office. He could write the German language, but never became familiar with the English script. He was a member of St. Antonius Catholic Church, and all the deceased members of the family are buried in the churchyard nearby.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ehrhardt comprised the following children: Emily, who died in infancy; Justina, who died at the age of eight years; Henry, who died in infancy; Maria K., wife of John Lenz, of Melrose Town-



ship, referred to in later paragraphs; Philip, who died in infancy; Joseph, who lives adjoining the old home and operates the farm for his mother; Henry, who died in infancy; Herman L., who owns a hardware business at Quincy; John, on a farm near the old homestead; Moritz, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, wife of Anton Sanders, near Moberly, Missouri; Mary Anna, who died in infancy; Maria Rosa, wife of Joseph Kroner, living near Moberly, Missouri; and Albert W., who is a bookkeeper in Quincy.

JOHN LENZ has spent most of his life in Adams County, has for over thirty years been a prosperous farmer, and owns and cultivates one of the good places in Melrose Township.

He was born at New Orleans November 23, 1862, son of Nicholas and Selma Lenz, who came from Alsace Lorraine. After a brief stay in New Orleans they came north and settled at Quincy and later moved to Melrose Township, occupying the farm in section 25 where their son John now lives. Nicholas Lenz died here in 1884, at the age of sixty-three. His widow survived him thirteen years and passed away at the home of her son John at the age of seventy-two.

John Lenz grew up in this county, attended the local schools, and in April, 1887, married Miss Maria Katharina Ehrhardt, who was then twenty-one years of age. Mrs. Lenz is a daughter of the late Philip Ehrhardt.

For six years after his marriage Mr. Lenz rented a farm on Mill Creek, and then returned to the old homestead and at the death of his mother bought out the other interests. He has continued farming there for a quarter of a century and has a well improved estate. He and his wife are the parents of four children. John, Jr., is a farmer in Melrose Township. Katherine married William Dietrich and died ten months later. Nicholas is the family representative in the American army, serving in Battery D of the Three Hundred and Thirty-sixth Field Artillery with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. Elizabeth, the youngest, is at home.

GEORGE FREDERICK LOOS. This volume contains several sketches of the Loos family, who have long been prominent and successful people in Adams County. One of them is George Frederick Loos, now living retired at 514 North Twelfth Street in Quincy. Mr. Loos gave the greater part of his active years to farming and developed one of the best places in Melrose Township, now occupied by one of his sons.

Mr. Loos was born August 10, 1848, in Melrose Township, in the Mill Creek Valley. His father, John Michael Loos, a native of Krumbach, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, came to America in company with a considerable party headed by John Speckhart. He had been a laboring man in Germany, working in a slate quarry. He was twenty-four when he arrived at Quincy, and here he found employment during the summer in a brick yard, and during the winters worked in a pork house. That was his employment for four years. He married at Quincy Miss Mary Walhaus, a daughter of Henry Conrad and Mary Margaret Walhaus. She was three years of age when her parents came from Germany, and after two years in Pennsylvania the Walhaus family located in Adams County and for many years lived on a farm in Melrose Township near St. Antonius Catholic Church. Henry Walhaus spent his last days with his daughter Mrs. Loos. Grandfather Walhaus and Grandfather Loos both built small log houses on the farm, and having come from the same locality in Germany they spent many happy hours together during their last years. One of these grandfathers served under Napoleon, and the flintlock musket he carried is still kept by the family. John Michael Loos at the time of his marriage settled on a farm, and that place is still owned by his son William.

George Frederick Loos being the oldest son had much to do from an early age on the farm. He acquired 143 acres of his own, and continued to operate it until 1913. He built a fine house, standing on an elevation and affording a view for many miles in all directions. Mr. Loos was a practical, general



farmer. He also bought a farm two miles east, where one of his sons now lives. During the past five years since he has lived in Quincy Mr. Loos has employed his leisure time working in the Pape & Loos Mills, in which his son Charles is a partner.

November 18, 1869, he married Miss Aurelia Louise Heidenbrich. She was born in Quincy February 2, 1851, the home in which she was born standing on the present site of the State Street Bank Building. She is a daughter of Henry and Johanna Heidenbrich, who came from Germany as a young married couple. Henry Heidenbrich died during an epidemic of cholera. He had worked as a laborer in this country, and in Germany had been employed as a coachman. He left two children, Amelia and Aurelia. The mother kept her children with her and later married Daniel Merker, a farmer of Melrose Township. Mrs. Loos has two half-brothers, Fred and John Merker of Quincy, and one half-sister, Mary Merker, now Mrs. Henry Mangold. Her sister Amelia married Adolph Montag, a country butcher who later moved out to Denver, Colorado, and Mrs. Montag died in that state.

Mr. and Mrs. Loos had the following children: John William, to whom a special sketch is dedicated on other pages; Charles Frederick, member of the firm Pape & Loos, millers at Quincy; Frank, a farmer near Mendon, who owns one of his father's farms in Melrose Township; Arthur Henry, a farmer near Payson; William Albert, a farmer near Melrose Chapel; John Walter, a farmer in Mendon Township; C. Herbert, who now occupies the old home-stand; Laura, wife of William Speckhardt, a Fall Creek Township farmer; Selma Melissa, wife of Walter Schroeder, who lives in Melrose Township, four miles east of Quincy; and Clara Johanna, wife of Walter Henry Simmons, who is an architect and has a large practice at Eldorado, Kansas.

Mr. Loos out of his prosperity was able to give each of his sons a start, and all of them have made good in business affairs. Mr. Loos served thirty-three years as a school director in his district, succeeding his father in that office. He was also a road commissioner six years. He is a democrat, and a member of the Salem Evangelical Church at Quincy.

**GEORGE JOSEPH BOCKHOLD.** The large and handsome property represented at his home five miles southeast of the courthouse on Payson road in Melrose Township George Joseph Bockhold has acquired and developed in a comparatively brief time, having made his start as a farm owner and farm manager less than twenty years ago.

Mr. Bockhold was born in Melrose Township, near St. Antonius Church, May 7, 1872, son of Bernard and Christina (Voegeding) Bockhold. Some of the experiences and incidents in the life of his father are referred to on other pages. At his father's death George Joseph Bockhold was executor of the estate. He was at home to the age of sixteen, and then worked five years for his brother Henry at wages of \$12.50 a month. However, the wages went to his father. Later he worked in a brick yard in Quincy at \$1.50 a day for one season, and during the winter was employed in a pork house. Then for three years he was in the stove foundry at Quincy, receiving \$8.50 a week. He had a rather particular job, one requiring skill and experience, in charge of feeding the cupola for melting the metal. When the company moved to Chicago they held out inducements for him to follow, but he decided to remain behind, especially since he had married and had made plans to become a farmer.

For a few months Mr. Bockhold fired lime kilns. He then rented a farm in Melrose Township and continued as a renter until he bought his present place, the William Schneider farm, containing eighty acres. This was in 1900. He paid \$4,600, assuming a debt of over \$6,000, part of it for tools, teams and other equipment. It was a strenuous program he laid out for himself, and he satisfied it in every particular and a number of years ago got clear of debt. For some years he rented much land besides that in his own farm, and has pursued a very effective policy in building up the soil. He has followed the

plan of deep plowing and the rotation of clover in addition to a variety of other crops. He has kept all the stock his farm would carry, and has never sold a ton of hay or grain. He has a fine herd of cows, and feeds a bunch of hogs every year. Mr. Bockhold has also built some important out buildings, including hog houses and silo, and his farm is in every sense in a high class condition.

Mr. Bockhold besides his work at home has found time to serve the public welfare in various ways. For three years he was road commissioner and four times he was nominated by the democrats for township supervisor, being defeated by a small margin each time. He is township committee man of his party, was delegate to the state convention of 1918, and has a large acquaintance among those prominent in politics over the state.

In 1895, at the age of twenty-three, Mr. Bockhold married Miss Anna Matilda Blaesing, daughter of Bernard Blaesing. Her father was born in Germany and married Mary Goesina Kroner. The Blaesings were long prominent as farming people of Melrose Township. Mrs. Bockhold was born in that township. Mr. and Mrs. Bockhold lost three children. Those still living are Stella, Rosena, Elizabeth Florence, Agnes Anna, Alois George, Helen Mary and Margaret Anna. All these children are still at home. The family are members of St. Antonius Catholic Church  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from their home.

JOHN WAND. Some of the richest and most productive land of Melrose Township has responded to the efforts of three generations of the Wand family, who are properly considered among the progressive and successful agriculturists of that locality in Adams County. The old Wand farm and home is nine miles southeast of Quincy, and is now owned by Mr. John Wand, who was born on the farm, and the third generation of the family is represented by his son, the farm manager for the last ten or twelve years.

John Wand was born July 19, 1853, son of William and Margaret (Bergman) Wand. His father, a native of Germany, came to the United States with a couple of companions and was a farm laborer in Adams County. In 1849 he joined the tide of gold seekers in California, and spent several years on the gold coast, mining and following other occupations. With some capital saved from that venture and experience he returned to Adams County in 1852 and bought a tract of sixty-eight acres in Melrose Township, paying about \$30 an acre. It was partly improved, but much of it was in timber, and contained only one or two log buildings. He went to work clearing away the woods and brush, and gradually added to his possessions until he had 360 acres. The home place proper constituted 240 acres, but all his land lay in practically one body. He was a very strong and resourceful man both physically and mentally, and left his farm as a substantial testimony to his efforts and enterprise. One of the large barns on the farm was built by him about the close of the Civil war and has been standing and in constant use for half a century. William Wand and wife were married in Marion County, Missouri. She had come to this country with her parents. William Wand and wife finally retired from the farm and moved to Quincy, where they bought a home and where they both died in 1881, he on a Wednesday and she the following Saturday. He was then sixty years of age and she fifty-eight. He was a democrat, and had served as road commissioner for the good of the community. The family were all members of St. Anthony's Catholic Church  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles from their farm. Both parents were laid to rest in the St. Boniface churchyard at Quincy. A brief record of their children is as follows: William, who was a farmer near the old place but died in Quincy; Christ; John; Enoch, who was a farmer but finally retired to Quincy, where he died, and his widow and family are living in that city; Mary, unmarried; Margaret, who lives in Quincy, widow of Gerry Vanden Boom.

Mr. John Wand has spent all his life on the old homestead. He attended the local schools, and as soon as old enough assumed a share in the manage-



ment of the place and later acquired 160 acres of the home farm for himself. He built a substantial residence in 1895. He has always kept his interests on the farm, has devoted his land to grain and stock raising, and for the past twelve years has turned over the chief responsibilities to his son.

At the age of twenty-six Mr. Wand married Miss Caroline Kaltenbach, who was reared in Payson Township of this county, and was twenty years of age at her marriage. She is a daughter of William Kaltenbach, and a member of the well known Kaltenbach family elsewhere referred to. Mr. and Mrs. Wand had three children: Edward; Eugene, a plumber at Quincy, with Best Brothers; and Elnora, wife of Frank Awerkamp, a bookkeeper at Quincy.

Edward Wand was born on the home farm April 15, 1880. At the age of twenty-five he married Mary Benz, daughter of Joseph Benz. They have two sons, John Edward, born in 1916, and Joseph William, born in February, 1919. John Wand is a democrat but has never sought any public honors.

WILLIAM WESLEY HORNER, now living retired in the Village of Camp Point, has had much experience to identify him with Adams County. He cultivated and gathered crops from the land for nearly half a century, and he can appreciate more than most living citizens the wonderful conveniences and facilities which the modern agriculturist enjoys, over those who performed the labor of planting and gathering crops in the early days.

The Horner family has been a factor in Adams County citizenship for nearly seventy years. William Wesley Horner was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, February 5, 1839, and was a boy of ten years when brought to this county. His parents were William and Maria (Hudson) Horner, also natives of Ohio. When they came to Adams County they settled in Columbus Township, buying eighty acres of unimproved land. William Horner had made the first improvements and was only just getting comfortably located when he died June 1, 1854, at the age of forty years. His widow survived him just forty years and passed away in 1894, at the age of seventy-five. Their children were: Elizabeth, William Wesley, Eliza, Rose Ann, deceased, Albert L., Cynthia, Zebulon, deceased, and Alice.

William Wesley Horner finished his education in an old log school house near his father's farm. Later he acquired the homestead of eighty acres and has kept that land in thorough cultivation and has gathered additional land under his ownership until he now has 137 acres in Columbus Township.

In 1893 he removed to the Village of Camp Point and bought an acre of ground as a building site and erected a very commodious and ample residence, situated just west of the Maplewood High School. Mr. Horner is a democrat in politics and while living in Columbus Township was a member of the school board eighteen years, and also township supervisor and road commissioner. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Christian Church at Camp Point.

August 17, 1862, Mr. Horner married Miss Eliza A. DeMoss. They have lived together fifty-six years and their home is almost unique in the fact that it has never been the scene of either a death or a birth. Mrs. Horner was born in Adams County March 18, 1842, a daughter of Peter and Catherine (Heron) DeMoss. Her parents were natives of Ohio, her father born in April, 1818, and her mother in 1825. They settled in Adams County in the '30s and were prominent residents of Columbus Township. Her father died there in 1854 and her mother in 1911. Mrs. Horner is the oldest of three children. Her sister, Mary Elizabeth, is the wife of John Christopher Marshall, and her only brother, James William, lived at Savannah, Missouri.

Albert L. Horner, brother of William Wesley, has for many years been one of the leading stock farmers and citizens of Camp Point Township. He was born in Hamilton Township, Ohio, January 24, 1845, and came to this county at the age of four years. He is the owner of 201 acres in Camp Point Township and other lands in Columbus Township. In 1875 he removed to Camp



Point Township and bought from his father-in-law the old John F. Seaton farm, out of the best and most noted farmsteads in that part of the county. This farm he has made the center of his extensive stock raising industry. He is a well known breeder of Poland China hogs and Polled Angus cattle. His political affiliations have been with the democratic party. He has served as road commissioner. He is a member of the Christian Church of Camp Point.

In 1875 Albert L. Horner married Maria Seaton. Her father, John F. Seaton, came to Adams County when a child from Kentucky and spent all his life in this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Horner had four children. Alice, the oldest, died when four years old. Nellie is the wife of Henry Meyers, and their children are named Horner, Alfred and Eleanor. Florence is the wife of Warren H. Hoke and has one daughter, Margaret. Kate is the wife of William Steiner and has a daughter, Lois. Mrs. Albert L. Horner died December 15, 1915.

CHARLES VEIHL is a man of importance in Burton Township, has been identified with farming there for many years, and is now rendering valuable service in the office of highway commissioner. His home is fourteen miles southeast of Quincy.

Mr. Veihl was born at St. Louis October 21, 1865. His father, Christ Veihl, came to Quincy from St. Louis and was a wagon maker by trade. He was employed in the old Knapheide wagon shop until about 1873, when he moved to Burton Village and ran his own shop there until he lost an arm through an accident. After that he continued to live in the Village of Burton, ran a huckster wagon for some years, and died in 1910, when about sixty-seven years of age. He married Christina Fultz, who died some years before him. They were married in St. Louis. Besides Charles one son, Christ, is a resident of Fall Creek Township, and two sisters, Mrs. George Kemmerer and Mrs. Fred Usher, live in Quincy, and two others have their home in Kansas City, Missouri.

Charles Veihl grew up at Burton, and from an early age began earning his own living. For a number of years he was in the employ of George Abel. At the age of twenty-four he married Miss Hannah Gilhouse, daughter of August and Serepta (Huffman) Gilhouse. Her parents were residents of Burton Township. Her father gave her at the time of her marriage eighty acres of land, this being the old farm of Major Aten, who built the substantial house there in 1859. Mr. Veihl has farmed this place ever since his marriage, and has increased his holdings by another eighty acres purchased at \$100 an acre. He is engaged in general farming and specializes in Poland China hogs.

In the way of public service Mr. Veihl was tax collector of the township two years and for the past three years has been highway commissioner. His chief duties in this office are the building of a number of cement culverts on the township highways. He is a democrat and has served as precinct committeeman and election judge.

Mrs. Veihl died in 1915, the mother of two sons, Elmer and William. Both sons had a part in the management of the farm until William enlisted and is now a soldier at Camp Sheridan. Elmer, who remains on the farm, married Miss Frances Lester.

WILLIAM BOCK is proprietor of one of those farms in Melrose Township that have been longest in the possession of and under the tillage of one family. His home is nine miles southeast of Quincy, and the land in his farm has been improved and cultivated by the Bock family for more than half a century.

It was not far from his present home that William Bock was born September 5, 1860. He is a son of Daniel and Fredericka (Gasser) Bock. Daniel Bock was born in Waldeck, Germany, February 2, 1828, and was reared and educated in the schools of his native country. He came to America in 1854, locating in Melrose Township, where his older brother, William, also lived. William

spent many years in this county, was an active farmer in Melrose Township, and died after living retired several years in Quincy. He left no descendants. Daniel Bock worked on a farm two years after coming to Adams County, and then married in Quincy on February 7, 1858, Miss Gasser. She was born in Germany March 14, 1838. She came to America with her mother and three brothers. These brothers, William, Fred and Henry Gasser, all went west and became business men. Fredericka Gasser was twenty years of age at the time of her marriage. After that Daniel Bock rented land from his brother William in Melrose Township, and about 1866 bought eighty acres for \$4,500. A few years later he acquired another eighty acres at \$80 an acre. This is the land now in the home farm of his son William. Daniel Bock brought that land under a high state of cultivation, abundantly supplied with fruit and with good buildings. He was one of the most energetic farmers in the township. He built a house, barn and other buildings, and was always up to date in his farm management. His wife died on the old farm, and he passed away in 1910 at a good old age. He was a democrat and a member of the German Lutheran Church in Fall Creek Township. He and his wife had eight children: Mary, first wife of Adam Speckhart; William; Fred, a resident of Quincy; Philip, a farmer in Melrose Township near Marblehead; John, who was an employe of the Burlington Railway and was killed in a train accident; Henry, a farmer in Fall Creek Township; Kate, who lives with her sister Minnie; and Minnie, wife of Fred Reich, member of a well known family elsewhere referred to in these pages.

William Bock grew up on his father's farm, and for two years he worked out as a farm hand at wages of \$175 to \$190 a year. On March 22, 1888, he married Miss Elizabeth Rothgeb, of Quincy, daughter of Charles Rothgeb. Mrs. Bock was born on the farm where she now lives, her father renting it at the time. She grew up in Quincy and was educated there. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bock rented land in Fall Creek Township and then took over the home farm. After his father's death Mr. Bock bought the other interests in the 160 acres, and has continued there a very prosperous career as a general farmer, adding much to the value of the farm in the way of buildings and other facilities. He is the present director of his local school board, and in politics is a democrat. He and his family are members of the Bluff Hall Church in Fall Creek Township.

For the past two years Mr. Bock has been retired from the more active responsibilities of the farm, which is conducted by his son-in-law. He and his wife have five children: Emma is the wife of Ed Wolf, of Pike County, Illinois. Margaret married Matt Loos, who lives on his father's farm. Carl died at the age of three years. Lydia is still at home. Elsie married August Kaufmann, who now operates the Bock farm. August Kaufmann is a son of the late Henry Kaufmann, who was born in Germany and died in Melrose Township April 21, 1916. He married in Quincy Catherine Speckhart, a sister of John and Adam Speckhart.

BEN SCHNEIDER is a resident of Melrose Township, his farm home being eight miles southeast of Quincy. He is one of the capable farmers and citizens of that locality and for a number of years has been a general farmer, stock raiser and truck grower, marketing the produce of his fields largely in Quincy.

He was born two miles from his present home on November 3, 1867, son of Moritz and Catherine (Muhe) Schneider. Moritz Schneider was born in Steinbach, Germany, and was eighteen years of age when he came to the United States in company with a friend, George Herold, who became a well known Adams County citizen. They landed at Quincy, and Moritz Schneider worked in a store for a time. In 1850 he went overland to California, having a partner and driving eighty oxen across the plains. It took all summer to cross. For four years he remained in the mining districts, made considerable money, but saved comparatively little on account of the high cost of living. He returned by way of the Isthmus. After that he lived in Adams County, making his home with



Mr. Herold until he married, at the age of thirty-two, Miss Catherine Muhe, of St. Louis. She was twenty-two years of age at the time of her marriage.

After that they began farming near St. Anthony's Catholic Church and in 1868 moved to the present farm of Ben Schneider. Moritz Schneider secured eighty-two acres of rather poor land, with indifferent buildings, and in course of time had a good farm. He built the present home in 1893. During his last years he lived retired at a small property close to his old home. He also owned ninety-four acres in the same locality, improved it with buildings, and sold it to his son. Mr. Schneider served sixteen years as road boss and was a democrat in politics. He died December 31, 1910, at the age of eighty-five years and two months, and is one of the well remembered old timers of Melrose Township. His widow survived him about a year and was seventy-six at the time of her death. They were active members of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, situated five miles from their home. They contributed to the building of that church, and he was a trustee for many years. They are laid to rest in the churchyard there. Their family consisted of eight children: August and Philip, both of whom died in early childhood; Elizabeth, who died at the age of twenty; Margaret, Mrs. Henry Wand, of Melrose Township; Ben, whose Christian name is Boniface; Philip, who lived near the old homestead and died in 1908, at the age of thirty-six; Emma, who married Simon Wand and died in 1917, at the age of forty-five; and Pauline, who became Sister Dolores in the Order of St. Francis at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and died at the age of thirty-five.

Ben Schneider remained at the old homestead, rented the farm from his father, and finally bought it. For fifteen years during the winter he combined farming with another occupation, that of teaming for the Papes flour mill on Mill Creek. He now has his farm nearly all in cultivation, with twenty-six acres of rich bottom land on Mill Creek. As a truck grower he specializes in such crops as melons and potatoes. He has always raised a number of hogs. In the way of public service Mr. Schneider was highway commissioner one term of three years. That was an important office at the time, since as a result of heavy floods many of the bridges and culverts had been destroyed and for several months he was almost constantly on duty in rebuilding and repairing the highways. That was before the time of cement construction, and bridges were not built so permanently as at present. Mr. Schneider is a democrat, and he and his family are members of St. Anthony's Church.

January 10, 1899, he married Miss Mary Dreier, of Olpe, Lyon County, Kansas. Mrs. Schneider was born in Melrose Township May 11, 1873, daughter of Gerhardt Henry and Elizabeth (Evers) Dreier. Her father was a native of Germany, and was brought to America at the age of seven years by his parents, Gerhardt and Helena Dreier, who spent their last years in Melrose Township. When Mrs. Schneider was twelve years of age her father, her mother having died at Quincy, moved out to Kansas, and she was her father's housekeeper for a number of years. Her father later returned to Adams County and died at Quincy in February, 1917, at the age of eighty-four. During Civil war times he had driven a span of mules in the Government service out to Salt Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Schneider have a family of five children, all at home, named Isabel, Clara, Frank, David and Margaret.

**FRANK WELLMANN.** About seventy years ago William Wellmann bought 120 acres of woodland in Melrose Township, with only two acres cleared and with a log house as a habitation. That was the beginning of a fine farm and may also be taken as the starting point for the capable enterprise of the Wellmann family in Adams County, though William Wellmann had visited here several years previously. The Wellmanns today, grandsons of William Wellmann, are noted as some of the best orchardists, fine stock raisers and general farmers in Melrose Township.

William Wellmann was born in Germany and married there Sophia Dombray. Her father was a French soldier under Napoleon. William Wellmann



was a blacksmith, and after coming to America and locating at Quincy conducted a shop for many years on Ninth Street. Then about 1847 he bought a 120 acres, as above noted, in Melrose Township. He devoted himself to clearing away the trees, extending the area of cultivation, but he subsequently lived for several years in Quincy in order that his sons might attend school there. He finally returned to the farm and his last days were spent in Quincy, where he died. His widow survived him until past eighty years of age. Both were active members of St. Francis Catholic Church at Quincy, and they were laid to rest in St. Boniface Cemetery. Part of the present home on the Wellmann farm was built by William Wellmann more than forty years ago. The son Frank reconstructed the home in its present form. William Wellmann was no seeker of public office, merely a democratic voter, and always bore the character of a steady, industrious and upright citizen. He and his wife had nine children: Frank; William, a saddler living in Montana; Frederick, of Palmyra, Missouri; John, a painter at Quincy; Elizabeth, who married Edmond Reed, and died in 1907; Sophia, who died in 1913, the wife of Louis Klinge; Catherine, widow of John Criddell, living in Quincy; Theresa, widow of Frank Kerkmann; and Philomena, widow of Joseph Ashman, of Quincy.

The late Frank Wellmann, son of William, was born in Quincy in March, 1842, and died at his old home in Melrose Township June 3, 1914, at the age of seventy-three. His widow and sons George and Alfred now reside at the old farm seven miles southeast of Quincy. Frank grew up on that farm and on January 30, 1865, married Miss Lucy Horbelt. She was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 13, 1845, and was eight years old when her parents, George and Catherine Horbelt, came to Quincy. Her father became a farmer, starting as a farm laborer in Melrose Township, and later secured land of his own in Newtown in Burton Township. He finally retired to Quincy and died there at the age of seventy-six and his wife survived him only three weeks. After his marriage Frank Wellmann rented land from his father and subsequently bought the old homestead. He improved it with new buildings, and made of it the first class farm which it is today. This farm lies in the Mill Creek Valley, and is in one of the best sections of agricultural lands in the county.

Frank Wellmann during his life was responsible for starting the splendid orchard now regarded as the most productive and valuable in Melrose Township. He set twenty-seven acres to apple trees, and brought it into bearing and received a fine income from his fruit. He studied fruit growing as a business proposition, was one of the early orchardists to use spraying and scientific methods of cultivation, and the results more than justified all the pains and labor bestowed. In 1918 this orchard produced about \$2,000 worth of fine commercial fruit. Frank Wellmann was a school director, was a democrat in politics and was one of the original members of St. Antonius Catholic Church, located a mile from his home. He served as trustee of that church, and he was laid to rest in its churchyard.

The oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wellmann was Frances, who became Sister Rossara of the Sisters of Notre Dame, taught in the schools of Milwaukee and Kenosha, and died at Quincy at the age of twenty-eight. George Wellmann is the orchardist member of the family, is a bachelor, and still lives with his mother on the homestead. He has made a close and exact study and has the benefit of long experience and training in all branches of apple culture. Many regard him as an authority on pruning, cultivation, fertilization, spraying, picking, packing and marketing, and his mastery of all these branches has brought out the remarkable success of his orchard. William, next younger than George, is a farmer near the county farm in Gilmer Township. Frank is a farmer in Burton Township. Edward C. Wellmann has separate mention on other pages. The two youngest sons are Albert and Joseph, the latter a farmer a mile south of Melrose Township.

Albert Wellmann, who operates the general farming and stock raising departments of the homestead, has shown great natural aptitude in handling

and arranging machinery. He has fitted out some very clever and ingenious machinery for lightening the labor of the farm. This machinery includes feed mill, separator, churns, laundry machinery and even a cement mixer. This cement mixer was constructed of a frame made from a fallen wind mill tower, carrying an ordinary barrel turned by gears from a worn out reaper. Mr. Wellmann has employed cement liberally about the house, barns and grounds, and this alone indicates the up to date character of the Wellmann place. Albert Wellmann is a breeder of Jersey cattle, having a herd of about twenty-five head of these fine animals. He produces a large amount of butter for special customers.

Albert Wellmann married Mary Frese, daughter of the well known nurseryman on North Twelfth Street in Quincy. She was born in Coatsburg and was twenty-one years of age at the time of her marriage. Albert and Mary Wellmann have five children, named Robert, Herbert, Arthur, Louisa and Ralph.

JOHN WILLIAM LIKES, though for the past five years a resident of Barry, still retains an active interest in the farming and stock raising affairs of Richfield Township, and he and his son Alexander do a large business in the line of growing and feeding livestock for the market.

It was on the old farm in Richfield Township that Mr. Likes was born December 3, 1860. He is member of an old and prominent pioneer family of Adams County. Mr. Likes is a second cousin of Judge McCarl of Quincy. His parents were William and Mary (Ham) Likes. William Likes was a native of Indiana, a son of Philip Likes. The Likes family moved from Kentucky to Indiana and came to Illinois when William was twelve years old. Philip Likes settled in Adams County about 1827 or 1829, ninety years ago. He located in the timbers, and spent the rest of his life improving a farm. J. W. Likes has some recollection of his grandfather, and he was twelve years old when his grandmother died. Her last years were spent with her son William.

William Likes was one of the youngest in a large family of children, many of whom moved out to Kansas. His sister, Mrs. Jonas Wager, remained in Richfield Township and died there. William Likes grew up on the old farm and as a young man spent some time in California in company with his brother Philip. They went to the gold coast by water route and were engaged in the mines for two years with fair success. Philip Likes served as a captain of the Union army in the Civil war, and afterwards moved out to Kansas.

William Likes bought a farm near the old homestead and at his father's death acquired that farm, giving him 420 acres. He improved it with fine buildings and lived there until his death in 1897. His first wife was Adeline Havard, who died leaving two children: Alexander H., who became a successful physician, practiced four years at Barry, Illinois, and later became a traveling salesman and partner in the A. M. Lester Surgical Instrument Company of St. Louis. He sold their goods in Texas and died at the age of thirty-two. The second child of William Likes' first marriage was Maggie, now Mrs. George McCrory, living near Pueblo, Colorado.

The second wife of William Likes was Mary Ham, daughter of John and Elizabeth Ham, who moved from Kentucky to Missouri and later settled in Columbus Township of Adams County, where Mary Ham was born and where she lived until her marriage. Her father was a local Methodist preacher. William and Mary Likes had a family of two sons and three daughters. John William; Anna, who trained for a nurse at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, and is now at Wenatchee, Washington; Mary is Mrs. Frank Harris of Ottawa, Illinois; Charles is a bachelor living with his brother J. W.; and Lou is the wife of Rolland Hendricks at Kingston in Adams County.

John William Likes grew up on the old home farm in Richfield Township, and on September 6, 1888, married Ella Wheelan, of Pike County. He then bought part of his father's farm, put up building improvements, and later bought the original Philip Likes homestead of 100 acres. This gave him nearly



200 acres, and the building improvements have always been on his first purchase. The old buildings erected by Philip have now disappeared. Mr. Likes gradually developed this as a stock farm, growing and feeding cattle and hogs, and only incidentally has been a breeder. He has also fed sheep, and as a sheep man his flock has at times numbered as high as 500. It was to this business that he has given the best years of his life, and the work is still continued as a firm, with his son Alexander as partner. Mr. Likes left the farm in 1914 and has since enjoyed the comforts of a good town home at Barry.

Mr. Likes lost his first wife after seven years of marriage. She was the mother of his son Alexander Likes, who married Nellie Morrison, but there are no grandchildren. On October 11, 1899, Mr. Likes married Anna Dwyer, of Burton Township, daughter of William and Emeline (Stewart) Dwyer. Her mother is a sister of George R. Stewart of Quincy. Mrs. Likes was born at Camp Point in Adams County October 23, 1864, and from early girlhood lived with an aunt, Mrs. Polly Wilson, in Burton Township.

Mr. Likes is a republican voter, as was his father, but has never had time to fill a public office. He is a member of the Northcott Methodist Church near the old home in Richfield Township. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Chapter at Barry. His father was a very loyal Mason, being warden and master of the lodge at Kingston, and later connected with the lodge at Plainville. He was buried under Masonic auspices. Mrs. Likes is active in the Eastern Star, Pike Chapter No. 20, and is also a member of the Red Cross and has given much time to that and related activities during the war.

**GEORGE F. MILLER.** By his enlightened leadership and disinterested service through many years George F. Miller deserves a lasting place in the annals of Quincy, where his name is intimately associated with many of those improvements of which the general public are now most proud. He has done as much as any other man for the establishment of an adequate park system, and there is hardly a civic enterprise of any importance undertaken within the last twenty-five years upon which he has not impressed some of his ability and judgment and to which he has not given the full scope of his energetic helpfulness.

Mr. Miller was born at an historic community in Missouri, near St. Louis, Cottleville in St. Charles County. The house in which he was born is still standing. His birth occurred September 24, 1844. His father, Charles F. Miller, was a native of Baden, Germany, and came to the United States when a boy with his parents. The family lived a time in St. Louis, and while there Charles learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed nearly all his life. He was one of the first blacksmiths to open a shop in Cottleville. An interesting reminiscence of his work throws a light on the rewards of mechanical industry in those early days. The first hand made plow in St. Charles County was fashioned in his shop. The man who bought the plow paid for it in trade with eggs at 1 cent a dozen. The purchase price of the plow was \$12, therefore it required 1,200 dozen eggs in payment. The same quality of a plow today doubtless could be bought for \$50, but the same number of eggs would be worth \$300 or \$400.

Being a man skilled at his trade Charles Miller prospered and with the proceeds of his toil bought three or four farms in that locality. He was able to live practically retired the last twenty years of his life. He died in St. Charles County at the age of seventy-two. He was a man of high character, of splendid judgment, and had a very fine intelligence though his early schooling had been rather meager. His memory was such that he was able to keep a record of all business transactions and obligations in his own mind without trusting it to books. It is said that he never made a mistake due to bad memory. In politics he was a Douglas democrat. Such was the esteem in which he was held for integrity, fair mindedness and other qualifications that he was chosen by the opposing party for a judicial office, and made a splendid and upright judge. He was twice married, and Mr. George F. Miller is one of the



two sons born to the first wife. His brother, John A., is a farmer at O'Fallon, Missouri.

George F. Miller on reaching the age of eighteen enlisted in the Missouri militia. His father was a staunch Union man and consented to his son doing his bit in safeguarding life and property in a state which was torn by civil dissensions. He served for some months, and was called to different parts of the state to protect loyal people. The company of which he was a member furnished all their own horses, guns and ammunition, and they foraged for their food, so that the expense of the organization to the Government was practically nothing. For this service Mr. Miller received no compensation and has never asked for a pension.

In 1863 he moved to Hancock County, Illinois, with the intention of learning the trade of miller in the mills of Mr. John Kropp. Instead he became a clerk in the Kropp store and remained there until April 18, 1865, when he came to Quincy. Here he went to work as clerk for S. J. Leasom Brothers & Company, a wholesale and retail dry goods house. Such was his efficiency and ability that at the end of ten months, when the company abandoned the retail department, he was the only one out of twenty clerks selected to remain with the organization. As a boy under his father he had been trained to quick judgment and prompt action, and these qualities have taken him far in a business way as well as in civic affairs. He was finally made chief clerk of the Leasom establishment, and eventually was appointed buyer and for ten years had carte blanche to buy what he wanted and thought was needed for the establishment. During those years he made two trips annually to New York to the wholesale centers.

When the business closed out in 1898 Mr. Miller himself retired from active affairs and since then for a period of twenty years has found abundance of opportunity to make himself useful to the city which has been his home for over a half century. In 1902 he was appointed a member of the City Improvement Board, looking after streets, sidewalks, sewers and other improvements. He served as a member of the board eighteen months, and during that time brought about many changes in the material conditions of the sidewalks, changes still in evidence. About that time he was appointed a member of the Humane Society. As a director and vice president he has done much to vitalize this movement and increase its possibilities for effectual service in the city. He was chairman of its Public Fountain Committee, and under his direction nearly all the fountains and watering places in the city have been constructed and planned, including the fountain at the city workhouse. These public watering places mean much to the domestic animals of Quincy. He has always looked after the welfare of animals as well as of the human beings who must live and work in the city, and horses, dogs and birds have found in him a special protector for many years. For eight years Mr. Miller was vice president of the Woodland Cemetery and he and H. P. Walton did much to beautify that city of the dead. For some years with E. J. Parker he was on the Board of Parks and Boulevards, and his service there has gained him title as one of the fathers of the park system of Quincy. For years he never lost an opportunity to educate public opinion to the need of a good park system, and did much of the hard work required in raising money and in bringing about the fruition of the park plans, especially in the north part of the city. He had much to do with the building and naming of Gardner Park, now one of the finest recreation centers in the city. One of Mr. Miller's most active associates in civic work has been the well known Quincy banker E. J. Parker.

Mr. Miller was one of the organizers and original members of the City Civic League, and has been continuously identified with it as vice president for several years. He is also one of the members of the committee on pure milk. An important feature of the program of the league is safeguarding the pure milk supply of Quincy. In politics Mr. Miller is a democrat in principle, but believes in voting for the best man.





J H Potter

Helena A Potter



He married at Quincy Miss Mary L. Schmitt, who was born and reared and educated in this city, daughter of Adam Schmitt and a sister of General William A. Schmitt. Mr. and Mrs. Miller live in one of the good homes of Quincy, at 1502 Sixth Avenue, North. He was responsible for naming that thoroughfare, and he also safeguarded the residential district by protecting it from the invasion of saloons.

TILLMON POTTER, who is now living retired at Barry, is a representative of the old and substantial class of farming people of Adams County, and has acquired his prosperity through the avenue of hard work, concentrated energies and good judgment spread over a long period of years.

He was born in Lawrence County, Indiana, November 22, 1852, and was only two years old when his parents came to Illinois. He is a son of Bartholomew and Catherine (Sellers) Potter, his father a native of North Carolina and his mother of Pennsylvania. They were married in Indiana and on coming to Illinois settled near Plainville in Adams County. A short time later they moved to the old Potter homestead in Richfield Township, six miles northwest of Barry. This home farm is now the property of Tillmon Potter. The family located there about 1861, and the parents made their home on the farm for over forty years, until they retired to Barry in 1902. The farm was a virgin wilderness when Bartholomew Potter took it, and he made it largely what it is today, clearing away the brush and timber and gradually converted the 150 acres into fertile fields. He built the present house on the farm about 1876. In many ways it stands out as one of the valuable farms of Richfield Township. Bartholomew Potter was never a public man in the sense of seeking office. He was a democrat, and was very devout in his attendance upon Zion Baptist Church, a mile and a half from his old farm. His wife died after they moved to Barry, and he continued to live in his home there until his own death, when he lacked one month of being eighty-nine years of age. He and his wife had seven children, six to reach maturity: Tillmon; Alonzo E., of Barry; John C., a farmer in Barry Township; Sarah J., Mrs. Henry Hadsel, of Barry; David C., of Oklahoma; and Laura, Mrs. Charles Kuntz, a farmer near Barry.

Tillmon Potter spent his boyhood on the old home farm and when a young man went west to Nebraska and spent thirteen years in Dawson County as a farmer. He then returned to Adams County, and on October 18, 1896, married Celena A. Bliven. Mrs. Potter was born in Burton Township of Adams County March 18, 1856, and is a daughter of Albert G. and Ellenor (Foster) Bliven. Albert G. Bliven was born in Wyoming County, New York, September 6, 1830, and came to Adams County in 1834. He is a brother of the late Hiram Bliven, who died in December, 1918, at his home farm near Burton, at the age of seventy-five, having spent all his life of seventy-five years in Adams County. Mrs. Potter's mother, Ellenor Foster, died November 17, 1902, at the age of seventy-two. She was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, in 1830, and came to Adams County, Illinois, in 1839, with her parents, Eli and Miriam (Lemon) Foster, both of whom attained ripe age, passing away when about seventy-six or seventy-seven years of age. Albert G. Bliven since the death of his wife has lived retired in Quincy and is now in his eighty-ninth year. Mrs. Potter was born near Newtown in Burton Township and when she was a girl her parents moved to a farm in Barry Township of Pike County, four miles north of Barry, on the county line, where she lived until her marriage. She still owns the old Bliven homestead of 260 acres. The first purchase by her father was 160 acres, bought in 1856. Mrs. Potter was the second of three children. Her brother, Willis Bliven, is a resident of Grand Junction, Colorado, and her sister, Ida M., is Mrs. Charles Franks, of Roswell, New Mexico.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Potter spent one season on his father's old farm, which he now owns, then moved to a farm belonging to Mrs. Potter's father in Richfield Township. They lived there six years and then moved to the adjoining place, the old Bliven homestead in Pike County. They were on that

farm fourteen years and then moved to their home in Barry. Mr. Potter bought his father's old home at the latter's death and has since increased its size to 160 acres and he owns another farm of 160 acres, joining Mrs. Potter's old home place. The entire estate contains 580 acres in three farms, and Mr. Potter still gives much of his time to the improvements. The old Bliven farm owned by Mrs. Potter comprises 260 acres, and its buildings were erected during her father's active career. Mr. and Mrs. Potter have no children of their own but they have reared since he was eight years old a boy named Lionel B. Howlin. Mr. Potter is a member of the Christian Church and his wife is a Methodist. They have built a neat bungalow home on Diamond Hill in one of the best parts of Barry.

**BARNETT P. CUMMINGS.** The value of Barnett P. Cummings' citizenship in Adams County is represented in part at least by the fact that for a long period of years he has occupied and diligently cultivated one of the good farms of Camp Point Township, and without question is one of the most progressive factors in the agricultural affairs of the county today. With all these responsibilities he has exercised a wholesome influence in behalf of community betterment and every movement that reflects the higher and better life of society.

It is now nearly sixty years since the Cummings family came to Adams County. Barnett P. Cummings was born at Danville, Indiana, December 26, 1853, and was six years old when the family moved to Western Illinois. His grandfather, George W. Cummings, was a native of Virginia, but grew up in Kentucky from the age of one year. George W. Cummings married Elizabeth Ferris, a native of Kentucky. They were early settlers in Hendricks County, Indiana.

Benjamin Cummings, father of Barnett P., was born in Clark County, Kentucky, February 14, 1828. His early life was spent in Indiana, and in 1846, at the age of eighteen, he enlisted in the First Indiana Regiment for service in the war with Mexico. He was discharged about a year later from the hospital at Point Isabel in Southern Texas. He re-enlisted, but the war was over before he could see further active service. From 1848 to 1859 he followed mechanical engineering, particularly in the milling industry at various points in Indiana. In October, 1859, he brought his family to Camp Point Township in Adams County, and for several years rented land, but in 1866 acquired 100 acres in section 36 and gradually improved his farm and holdings until he had one of the valuable estates, comprising 300 acres at the time of his death. He died on the old farm in June, 1907, when in his eightieth year. On December 30, 1852, Benjamin Cummings married Catherine Celia Parrish, a native of Kentucky. She died in June, 1900. Benjamin Cummings was a republican and in religion was a man of liberal views. He and his wife had the following children: Barnett P.; George, deceased; Ida, wife of Joseph Pierce, of Kansas City; Maggie, living at Camp Point; Ira B., an engineer with the Burlington Railroad; Laura, deceased; and Thomas B., who is a conductor with the Missouri Pacific Railroad, his headquarters being Nevada, Missouri. Benjamin Cummings for many years served as commissioner of highways in Camp Point Township. He was one of the prominent members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was organizer of the Encampment at Camp Point.

Barnett P. Cummings grew up on the homestead farm of his father, attending school at Camp Point Village. Farming was his first choice of vocation, and by following it he has prospered and has a farm of 165 acres which in point of improvement and productiveness would bear favorable comparison with any in that part of the county. His land is situated on the high ground between the water shed of the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers. He conducts his farm on general lines, his one specialty perhaps being pure bred Duroc Jersey hogs. Mr. Cummings is a republican and served on the Central Committee for two years. He has been affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows



since April, 1874, and has been even more prominent than his father in that order. He was health officer of the Grand Encampment two years. He is also a member of Lodge No. 297, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a Knight of Pythias.

In March, 1901, he married Miss Nancy Engle, who was born near Richmond, Kentucky.

ALBERT BURTON LEEPER is proprietor of the well known Lake View Farm and orchard two miles west of Lima, and is also president of the State Bank of Lima. He is a citizen of varied interests, and they are of such importance that it would be difficult to find a better known resident in the northern part of the county.

The house in which he now resides was his birthplace on June 4, 1875. His father was the late Thomas F. Leeper, a son of Samuel and Lovina (Conel) Leeper. Samuel Leeper brought his family from the vicinity of Cadiz, Ohio, by boat around the Ohio and Mississippi rivers in 1851, landing at Nauvoo, and from there transferring his residence in 1853 to Lima. He was a carpenter by trade and followed it in this county until 1858, when he located on the farm now owned by Albert B. Leeper. Thomas F. Leeper and his brother Wesley as partners bought this old homestead. Samuel Leeper died here at the age of seventy and his wife at seventy-eight.

After the death of his brother Wesley, Thomas F. Leeper bought all the old homestead, giving him 280 acres, eighty acres of which were bottom land.

Thomas F. Leeper was a democratic voter though never active in politics and was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church at Lima. He died June 10, 1904, and his widow passed away December 2, 1917. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Caldwell. They were married at Canton, Missouri, where her father, John C. Caldwell, long had his home.

Thomas F. Leeper deserves his chief place in Adams County history because of his efforts as a pioneer horticulturist and apple grower. He was one of the first in the county to develop an apple orchard on a commercial scale. He planted sixty-five acres of his land to apples, and that is still the principal feature of the Leeper place. This noted orchard frequently produced as high as 5,000 barrels of apples in a single season. Thomas F. Leeper was also one of the organizers of the Mississippi Apple Growers' Association about twenty years ago. He was also a member of the Hancock County Horticultural Society, in the absence of such a society in Adams County, and a member of the State Horticultural Society. While on the subject of this orchard it should be noted that Albert B. Leeper still has forty acres in apples and furnishes a considerable share of the total crop harvested in this county. For the past fifteen years it has been his policy to spray regularly all the trees, and though that was taken up as an experimental practice it is now a settled feature of orchard management and the results have thoroughly demonstrated the value of such a process. Formerly a grower could expect only one crop in two or three years, but now there is seldom a failure. Mr. A. B. Leeper has had twelve good commercial crops within the past fifteen years.

Thomas F. Leeper and wife were survived by only two children, Eva, who still lives in Lima, and Albert B.

Albert B. Leeper was educated in the local public schools and high school, and attended the Northern Illinois College of Law. He was admitted to the bar in 1897, but his law practice was chiefly confined to two years of work at Oklahoma City. He also took a business course in the Christian University at Canton, Missouri. He gave up the profession to return home and take the management of his father's farm, and in that business he has found occupation that easily places him among the men who fill essential positions of service in the county. Besides his large orchard he is a breeder of Chester White hogs and runs a model farm. The old house in which he was born and which was



built by his father over forty-five years ago remodeled under his ownership into one of the county's finest country homes.

As one of the organizers of the State Bank of Lima in 1910 Mr. Leeper accepted the position of cashier, but in 1912 was made president and has done much to build up that institution, which now has total resources of \$190,000 and capital stock of \$25,000. Mr. Leeper is a democrat, has served on the school board, and is a member of the County, now Township, High School Board, and has also been levee commissioner.

In 1904 he married Miss Mary J. Best, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Best of Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Leeper have four children, Gladys, Alberta, Raymond and Kent. Mr. Leeper is past master of Lima Lodge of Masons and has served as representative to the Grand Lodge, and is also a member of the Mendon Chapter of the Royal Arch, of Quincy Commandery, and of Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Chicago.

**JAMES WAGY.** In Payson Township three miles southwest of Plainville is a farm that has been in the possession of the Waggy family through several generations, and its present owners are justified in their proprietorship by the energy and enterprise they have shown in keeping up its productiveness and maintaining its value, which has been steadily increasing from the time it was carved from the wilderness.

The late proprietor, James Waggy, was a member of one of the oldest and most widely known families of Adams County. He was born in Ohio January 20, 1841, and died at his old home in Payson Township August 26, 1908. He was a son of Jacob and Rachel (Riley) Waggy, the former a native of Virginia. Much of the history of this branch of the Waggy family will be found on other pages of this publication. Jacob Waggy was an early settler in Adams County and lived there until his death at the age of seventy-three. His sons were Henry, William, Stephen, John and James, and he also had two daughters, Mary, Mrs. Charles Stratton, and Margaret, Mrs. Benjamin Lytle.

James Waggy was brought to Adams County when he was eight years old, grew up on the old farm near Plainville, was educated in the common schools, and early took up farming on his own responsibility. On September 26, 1872, he married Miss Lucina Benson, daughter of Littleton and Louisa (Parks) Benson. Mrs. Waggy was born at Kinderhook in Pike County December 20, 1847. Two years later, in 1849, her father went to California as a gold seeker and died soon after reaching the gold coast. Lucina spent part of her girlhood with her uncle, Pleasant Benson, of Payson Township. Of the Benson family more is said on other pages. Mrs. Waggy's mother married for her second husband George Walborn, of Kinderhook, and died when past sixty. Littleton Benson owned a farm at Kinderhook and the Walborn farm was on the bottoms.

James Waggy after his marriage began housekeeping at the present farm in Payson Township. The old house has since been remodeled and enlarged. His entire business career was devoted to the farm and he kept up its active management until his death. Part of the land was inherited from his father's estate. He was a republican, served as school director, and was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. and Mrs. James Waggy had the following family. Minnie, wife of John F. Wilson, a farmer of Pike County, Miss Belle, who lives on the home farm, and Fred, who operates the farm and by his marriage with Dolly Mowers has five children, named Everett, Earl, Maude, Ralph and Addie.

**WILLIAM H. BEAVERS.** While now living in comfortable retirement at Barry, William H. Beavers was for many years successfully identified with the farming and livestock interests of Adams County, and is still owner of one of the fine farms of Richfield Township.

Mr. Beavers, who started life with little capital and made his way by intelligent use of his own resources, was born near Jacksonville in Morgan County.

Illinois, June 14, 1844. His father, William Beavers, was a native of Hampshire, England, and spent his life as a farmer. He died at the age of eighty-five. His last years were spent with his son William and with a son-in-law, Sherrill Cain, of Plainville, where he died. William Beavers married Mary Stout. She came from Ohio to Illinois at the age of ten years, and her family was at Jacksonville when it was nothing more than a small crossroads store. She died at the age of sixty-six, the mother of ten children, eight of whom reached maturity. Only three are living today. Their one daughter is Mary McLaughlin, of Plainville.

William H. Beavers married at Quincy at the age of twenty-one a Miss Jane George. She was at that time a resident of Pike County and a daughter of John and Anna (House) George, who came from Carroll County, Ohio, to Pike County, Illinois, where their subsequent lives were spent. Her father died at the age of seventy-seven and her mother at seventy-two.

For two years after his marriage Mr. Beavers lived in Pike County and in 1867 came to Adams County and settled on a farm in Richfield Township, eight miles northwest of Barry. That farm was his home until 1913, after which he spent five years in Plainville and in the fall of 1918 moved to his present comfortable home at Barry. He took a tract of land which was still uncleared and in association with his brother Robert he improved and farmed a place for eight years. His brother Robert then returned to the old home in Morgan County and William H. soon acquired the entire place. Eventually he developed a 200-acre farm and made it one of the best in Richfield Township, especially as a stock raising center. He kept a high grade of Shorthorns, and as he always bred from the best animals he frequently sold his calves at \$50 apiece. He held three very successful public sales. Mr. Beavers believed in good equipment and improvement, and put up a commodious farm house, two barns and other facilities. Every year he fed a bunch of stock cattle, and usually shipped his own stock to market. While for many years he did much of the labor of the farm, he also employed assistance and was very fortunate in that respect. One man remained with him continuously for thirty years. Mr. Beavers was an original stockholder in the Plainville Bank. The only public office to which he was ever elected was that of justice of the peace, but he soon retired from its responsibilities. He began voting as an old Douglas Democrat, but for years has cast his ballot independently. He helped organize the Mount Zion Baptist Church, half a mile from his farm, and for twenty-five years was superintendent of its Sunday school and one of the chief pillars of its support. Mr. Beavers has remodeled the home which he bought at Barry, and he also owns property at Plainville. His first wife died in 1901. She was the mother of his two sons, both of whom are physicians. Charles E., the older, is practicing medicine at Barry, and during the war was a surgeon in the army. He married Della Grayball of Barry. Doctor Virgil, the other son, is now a physician at China, Texas, and a large land owner there. He married Anna Sykes, daughter of the late Doctor Sykes of Beverly, Adams County. Mrs. Virgil Beavers inherited two sections of Texas land, and she and her husband now own more than 2,000 acres of land in that state.

Mr. Beavers married for his second wife Margaret Morehouse, of Canton, Missouri. She died twelve years later. For his third wife he married Bertha Helms, also of Canton, Missouri. She had been nurse to his second wife, and was formerly a Missouri school teacher.

JOHN J. DRUMMOND, JAMES R. DRUMMOND, JACOB OGLE. Several of the old and prominent names in the history of Adams County, and particularly Beverly Township, is represented by Mrs. Maude Ogle, now living at Barry.

Her grandfather was the late John J. Drummmond, who died at Barry in 1893. He was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, in 1824, and as a young man came west and settled in Pike County, Illinois, and in 1861 moved to Adams County. He became a successful farmer and stock raiser in



section 19 of Beverly Township, and at one time owned 500 acres. Forty years ago he had one of the largest and most valuable farms in Adams County and was noted as a stock raiser and shipper and was a familiar figure at the Chicago markets. After he left the farm and moved to Barry in 1894 he conducted a meat market and poultry house for several years. He was a republican in politics.

In 1849 John J. Drummond married Matilda Spence, who was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and died at Barry in 1895. They were the parents of five children: Nancy Ann, deceased wife of Al Wieting, of Adams County; James R.; William Y., now a fruit grower at Wichita, Kansas; Charles L., who died in young manhood; and Abraham L., who went west some years ago. John J. Drummond and wife also had two children who died young, named John and Etta.

James R. Drummond was born January 3, 1853, and spent a rather active life, though he was handicapped with ill health and finally fell a victim to tuberculosis. He died October 4, 1901, aged forty-eight. His early years were spent with his father and he finally secured eighty acres of the father's estate and spent the rest of his life there. James R. Drummond married Mary McClain, who was born at Knoxville, Tennessee, December 28, 1854. She was seventeen years old when she came to Adams County with her brother Joseph McClain, and she grew up here and was married at the age of twenty-four. After her husband's death she lived in Beverly Village several years, then returned to the old farm, and in 1914 moved to Barry to be with her daughter, Mrs. Ogle. She is an active worker in the Christian Church and Sunday school, and her husband was identified with the same denomination. Her brother, Joseph McClain, is a resident of Camp Point.

James R. Drummond and wife had three children, one daughter Anna dying in girlhood. The two surviving daughters are Maude and Carrie D., better known as Dollie. The latter is the wife of Orville Rigg, and they live on the old farm in Beverly Township. James R. Drummond had an adopted daughter, Nora Spicer, who was taken into his home when nine days old. She is now the wife of George H. Spicer, living in Tustin, California.

Miss Maude Drummond was married February 6, 1901, to Jacob Ogle. He was born in Beverly Township April 13, 1874, son of Isaac J. Ogle. Isaac Ogle, long identified with the farming and civic activities of Beverly Township was born in St. Clair County, Illinois, in 1841, and went to Adams County in 1850. Early in the Civil war he volunteered in the Fiftieth Illinois Infantry, and though once severely wounded remained with the army until he had completed almost four years of service. In 1865 he married Louisa Carbaugh, who died in 1867. In 1868 Isaac Ogle married her sister, Mary Alice Carbaugh, who died April 27, 1899.

Jacob Ogle spent his early life on the home farm near Beverly, and after his marriage secured the farm of 192 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres originally owned by Mrs. Ogle's grandfather, John J. Drummond. He erected a new house and barn and was busily and successfully engaged in farming there until his death on May 14, 1912. He had served two successive terms as township supervisor and was one of the very useful members of the board. Otherwise his life was devoted to the farm and his home. He was a member of the Christian Church in Mound Prairie of Beverly Township, and was buried in the churchyard there. His parents were members of the same church and Mrs. Ogle while on the farm was a worker in the same society.

Mrs. Ogle in September, 1914, moved to Barry, where she and her mother occupy one of the neat homes. She has been very active in local church and Red Cross work and is interested in all phases of community development.

WILLIAM B. MYERS, now living retired at Barry, spent all his working career in Adams County and was one of the staunch upholders of agricultural prosperity for many years.



Mr. Myers was born  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles west of Barry in Pike County November 23, 1847, son of Jacob and Rebecca (Wike) Myers. His father, a native of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, was married in that state, and at a very early date came west and settled near Barry, Illinois. The old Myers home is divided about equally between bottom and upland. Jacob Myers was a hard-working farmer and lived on the home place until William B. was five or six years old. The latter's mother died in 1852, and the following year Jacob Myers went west to California by the water route and never returned. He died in California after his son William B. was grown to manhood. There was one other son, John, who subsequently joined his father in California and at last accounts was still living in that state. He married in Adams County Angeline Crosson.

William B. Myers grew up with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Boren, at Stone's Prairie, now Plainville in Payson Township, Adams County. The Boren farm was  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles southeast of Plainville. Both Mr. Myers and his brother lived at this home, and from the age of fourteen Mr. Myers was paid regular wages by his uncle, ranging from \$16 to \$18 a month. He saved most of his earnings, and had something to start with when he married at the age of twenty-one. The wife of Mr. Myers was Bethana McCarl, daughter of Samuel and Dorcas (Likes) McCarl. Mrs. Myers is a cousin of Judge Lyman McCarl of Quincy. Bethana McCarl was born in Pike County, Illinois, but spent her early youth in Adams County and was eighteen at the time of her marriage.

The year following their marriage they rented the farm of Mr. Myers' uncle west of Barry. The father later prevailed upon the boys to sell the farm, and, as above noted, John Myers then went to California, but W. B. Myers has always remained true and loyal to the scenes of his early youth. For a time he rented the Boren farm near Stone's Prairie, remaining there four years, and then moved to Richfield Township and bought eighty acres of improved land. He went in debt for more than half of the purchase price. He was there four years, and in that time built and fenced and otherwise improved the place. He then began buying other land until he had 200 acres in one body, and moved his home to the last eighty acres which he purchased. This lies in the northwest quarter of section 22 in Richfield Township. Mr. Myers was very progressive in handling his farm, did much filling and other work to maintain the soil fertility, and had a profitable routine of stock and general farming. He remained there until 1908, and on selling the farm spent one winter in Barry. Then for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years he lived just outside of Quincy in Melrose Township, buying land there. On account of his wife's health he returned to Barry, and she died about two months later, on December 15, 1911.

In the meantime Mr. Myers had bought his present home in Barry, and has since lived there. In order to fill in his spare time he grows garden truck and is still a man of great vigor though past seventy years of age. He has performed a great deal of hard labor in his life and has always been blessed with good health. Mr. Myers confesses that he never owned a gun in all his life, and has therefore taken little interest in a form of sport in which many men delight. He has derived a great deal of enjoyment out of good horses. Mr. Myers served a term as tax collector of Richfield Township, and is a good democrat, as would be expected of a relative of Judge McCarl.

Mr. Myers has only one son, Harvey L., who is a carpenter by trade and lives with his father. Harvey married Susie Sackett, and they have one bright young daughter, Ella Lee, born May 27, 1915.

WILLIAM H. KLUSEMEYER, of Melrose Township, is one of the older residents of Adams County, where he has witnessed the changes of fortunes of life for over half a century. Hard work has been the keynote of his career, and aside from his material success he has exemplified the best qualities of honor and integrity. He and his wife have shared the common destiny for over

thirty years, have worked side by side in the home and in sustaining the relationships of parents and of citizens in the community, and their names are deserving of every honor.

Mr. Klusemeyer was born in Prussia, Germany, January 17, 1858, and was an infant when his father, Peter Klusemeyer, died. He was then adopted by his father's brother, Fred Klusemeyer, who proved a good and dutiful father to him. Fred Klusemeyer was one of the early settlers of Adams County in Illinois, and when William H. was seven years of age he came to America to join his adopted father, accompanying a Mr. Jansen. The voyage was made in a sailing vessel, and it took ten weeks and four days to cross the ocean. From New York they came direct to Quincy and from there he went to the farm of Fred Klusemeyer. Here he grew up and received a common school education both in the German and English languages. Mr. Fred Klusemeyer died in 1911, and a monument marks his last resting place in the Woodland Cemetery. Fred Klusemeyer developed the present fine farm of 94.34 acres in Melrose Township, and took that land when there was not a single building improvement on it and left it with buildings, a handsome residence, and surroundings that indicate both comfort as well as value. The late Fred Klusemeyer was a republican in politics. He served as school director and was always a believer in public education. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. His wife, also deceased, was a good and exemplary woman, kind and affectionate to all about her.

William H. Klusemeyer on May 1, 1884, married Miss Minnie R. Koch. To their union were born four children, one son and three daughters, three of whom are still living. The only son is Fred H., who is a practical farmer and associated with his father in the management of the homestead. He was educated in the common schools both in German and English, is a republican in politics and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church at Quincy. He married Miss Mamie Brickmann. They were married in 1912 and have two children, Mildred and William.

Mrs. William H. Klusemeyer was born January 5, 1862, in Adams County, a daughter of Henry and Fredericka (Klusemeyer) Koch. She was one of a large family of eleven children, two sons and nine daughters. Eight of them are still living and five in Adams County. Her sister Augusta is the wife of Rev. Mr. Irian, pastor of a Lutheran church in Los Angeles, California. Her sister Lena lives at St. Louis, widow of Jacob Reitmeyer, who was a cooper by trade. Amelia, living at Burlington, Iowa, is the widow of William Miller, who was an agriculturist but was living retired when he died.

Mrs. Klusemeyer's father was born at Hamburg, Germany, was reared and married there and came to the United States about 1858. It was a voyage on an old fashioned sailing vessel and took ten weeks in crossing the ocean. From the eastern seaport the family came west to Quincy and found this region when it was sparsely settled and largely undeveloped. Henry Koch was a manufacturer of brick. From his yards and kilns were supplied much of the brick which entered into the homes and other buildings of the city in his time. He also owned a tract of bottom land on the Mississippi River. He and his wife were both active members of the Lutheran Church, and both are now at rest in the Woodland Cemetery.

Mrs. Klusemeyer was educated in the German and English schools. She and her husband are active members of St. James Lutheran Church and she is a member of the Ladies' Aid Society and is interested in Red Cross work. Mrs. Klusemeyer has long been held in high estimation both as a homemaker and as a kind and hospitable friend. She has ably shared in the work and management of farm and home with her husband, and the years have brought them prosperity and contentment, with children who do them credit.

Mr. Klusemeyer is a republican, but has often cast his vote for the man rather than for the party. He has rendered much valuable service to his community and for the past eight years has been a trustee of the local schools and



never fails to accept an opportunity to improve the standing of popular education in his community. As a farmer he raises good stock of all kinds, and is also one of the many farmers in Adams County who make something of a specialty of fruit raising. His beautiful farm lies  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the courthouse at Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Klusemeyer have a Studebaker car, which enables them to enjoy their friends at a distance and take much of the pleasure that is due them for the hard work of their earlier years.

OSCAR L. HUFNAGEL. Most of the high class farms of Adams County stand revealed to casual inspection by reason of their fine buildings, the orderly arrangement of barns and sheds, and the presence of other equipment and improvement. One such farm is that of Oscar L. Hufnagel in section 28 of Columbus Township. Mr. Hufnagel has 260 acres under his ownership, and his sons own forty acres nearby. All but forty acres of his farm are under cultivation. The barns are two in number, one 40 by 56 feet, and a cattle barn 40 by 46 feet. All the buildings are in excellent repair, and there is a substantial eight-room house.

The land of this farm was deeded to Smith Gaunt, a Kentucky gentleman, by President Martin Van Buren in 1840. Mr. Gaunt put the first improvements on the land. After his death it was bought by Thomas Marshall, of Golden. This transfer was made about thirty-five years ago. Mr. Marshall sold to Fred Hufnagel, father of its present owner. Fred Hufnagel spent many years as a farmer in this county, and during the last years of his life lived with his son Oscar, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Heckrodt, at Steffenville, Missouri, January 2, 1918, when he was nearly eighty-nine years of age. He was born at Muehlhausen and came of an old southern German Protestant family. He was born March 12, 1829, and when sixteen years of age came with his parents from Bremen to Baltimore, the voyage lasting seven weeks. The Hufnagels soon after located at Cincinnati, and from there came to Quincy. The grandparents were Leonard and Eve (Muscat) Hufnagel. They located in section 33 of Columbus Township, secured a tract of wild land, lived in a log cabin, and underwent many privations until they had developed a good farm. Leonard Hufnagel died at the age of eighty-one and his wife at eighty-three. They were much esteemed people in their section, and both were devout members of the Lutheran Church.

Fred Hufnagel, only child of his parents, married in Adams County Miss Rachel Marshall. She was born in the same German town as her husband and they had been students in the same school. When she was twelve or thirteen years of age she came with her parents by way of New Orleans and up the Mississippi River to Quincy. Her father was John C. Marshall. The German spelling of the name was Marschell. The Marshalls located on new land in section 21 of Columbus Township, and lived there the rest of their days. John C. Marshall died at the age of fifty-seven and his wife at fifty-three. They also were members of the Lutheran Church.

Fred Hufnagel after his marriage farmed in Burton Township, but later moved to Columbus Township. His wife died at the age of sixty-seven.

Oscar L. Hufnagel is the youngest of seven children. Matilda married William Heckrodt, of Steffenville, Missouri, and they have two sons living, Charles and George, both married and with children. Amelia is the wife of Martin Eckert, and they live in New Mexico and have five children. Alvena is the widow of William Turner, lives in Houston Township, and has a daughter, Mrs. Myrta Beer. Alexander Hufnagel died at the age of twenty-eight, and his widow, Annie Erke Hufnagel, has a son, Walter A., now an architectural inspector in the Government service, married and has a son, William. Albert lives at Clayton in Adams County, is a farmer, and by his marriage to Elizabeth Kramberg has three daughters. The next in age is Oscar L. Linna died at the age of eighteen after completing her education.

Oscar L. Hufnagel was born on the old farm September 28, 1867. The vil-



lage schools afforded him his education, and since reaching his majority he has steadily devoted his energies to farming and with success, as has already been noted. In 1890, in Houston Township, he married Miss Lora Strickler. She was born in that township in 1870, and was educated at Camp Point. Mr. and Mrs. Hufnagel have three children. Eula, formerly a teacher, born in 1891, is the wife of Henry Schultz. They are farming people, and their two children are Emerson, born in 1909, a schoolboy, and Lora O., born in 1914. Jeremiah F. Hufnagel, born in 1893, attended the local public schools, completed his education at Camp Point, and is now a soldier in France. Osear Strickler, born in 1903, is a student in the Maplewood High School at Camp Point. The family are all members of the Christian Church.

DANIEL TREDWAY is an old time resident of Adams County, has lived here fully half a century, and his efforts as a farmer have brought him success and independence. He owns one of the good farms of Burton Township, located twelve miles east of Quincy.

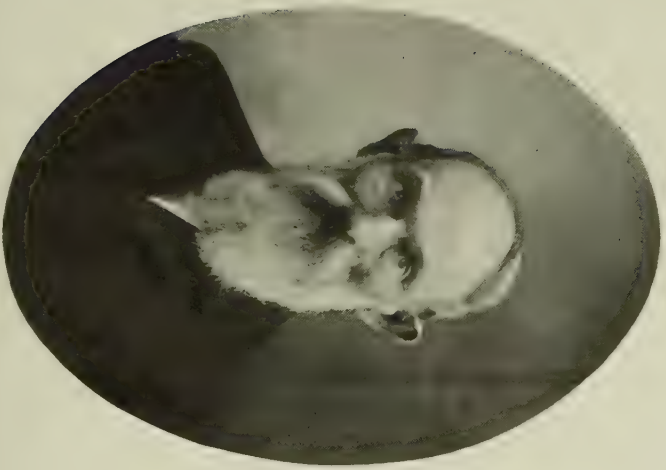
Mr. Tredway was born in Baltimore County, Maryland, August 15, 1836. He grew up as a farm boy, had a common school education, and represents old English and old American stock. When a young man, in 1863, he enlisted in the Ninth Maryland Infantry, and saw active service in the Virginia campaigns. He was wounded in the face by an exploding shell while saving an officer in the Court House at Charlestown, Virginia. It was in this Court House that the famous John Brown was tried and in the yard was hanged. Mr. Tredway has seen the old stump of the tree where the hanging took place.

At the close of the war he was discharged and soon located in Butler County, Ohio, and from there in 1868 came to Adams County. He first rented a farm in Gilmer Township two miles north of his present home, and rented different farms for thirteen years, finally buying the Timmons farm of 160 acres in section 12 of Burton Township. For this land he paid \$57.50 an acre, but it is now worth over three times that sum, largely as a result of the improvements made by Mr. Tredway. He built a good house, barn and other buildings, and has kept the land in first class condition. It is a general farm, and in the way of livestock its chief output has been from thirty-five to fifty hogs annually, also a fine herd of White Face cattle.

Mr. Tredway is a republican. At the age of thirty he married in Ohio Miss Harriet Maud, who was born in Butler County, Ohio. She died October 25, 1906, the mother of two children, Frank and Anna. Anna is the wife of John Metz, of Gilmer Township. Frank Tredway, who was born in Liberty Township of this county October 18, 1876, has spent all his life on the farm with his father and has never married. He now has active charge of the farm and is one of the successful and progressive men of the community. He takes a great interest in lodge work as an Odd Fellow at Liberty. He and his father are both members of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Episcopal Church.

FRANK B. PARKER, M. D. The Village of Clayton has not been without the services of a physician named Parker for over thirty-five years. Dr. Frank B. Parker recently took over the large practice which his father has enjoyed for so many years, and in his new field a recognition acquired by skillful work and earnest study follow him from other sections of Adams County. He has been an active member of the profession for a quarter of a century.

Dr. Frank B. Parker was born in Montgomery County, Missouri, June 14, 1871, a son of Henry J. and Mary (Busby) Parker. His father was born in Missouri October 5, 1845. His mother was born June 17, 1850, and died at Clayton October 9, 1900. Henry J. Parker was educated in the common schools of Missouri and graduated from the Missouri Medical College in 1870. His first professional work was done in Southern Illinois at Carlyle, where he remained about six years, then for three years he was located at Hannibal, after which he returned to Carlyle and was there until 1882, when he removed to



DANIEL TREDWAY



MRS. HARRIET TREDWAY





Clayton in this county. In this community his name and services are held in the highest regard. He practiced almost until the time of his death, on May 5, 1918. He was a man of high standing among his professional brethren, and was a good citizen in all that phrase implies. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. Henry J. Parker and his first wife had three sons: Frank B., Harry A. and Bert D. In February, 1902, the father married for his second wife Miss Ethel Rhodes, of Livingston, Illinois. By that union were born two daughters, Lucrece, born in 1907, and Atys, born in 1909.

Frank B. Parker was reared partly in Missouri and partly in Illinois. He attended school in the former state, and after his parents located in Clayton in 1882 he entered the high school. He gained his higher education in the Illinois College at Jacksonville, and in 1893 graduated from the Keokuk Medical College. For about two years he practiced at Clayton, but in September, 1893, accepted an appointment as assistant physician to the Southern Illinois Penitentiary at Chester. He was employed in that work two years, practiced at Joplin, Missouri, about two years, and then returning to Adams County located at Lima, where he enjoyed a successful business and remained in most congenial surroundings for fifteen years. When his father died he returned to Clayton and took up the practice which the senior doctor had carried for so many years.

Doctor Parker is a member of the County and State Medical societies and the American Medical Association. He votes independently, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1904 he married Miss Effie V. Harness, of Lima. She is a daughter of Richard Harness, a well known farmer of that community, who was born and reared on the place that he still occupies as a home. Doctor and Mrs. Parker have two children: Helen, born in 1908; and Henry J., born in 1913.

FRISBY S. FINLEY is a farmer and stock man, with a large and well appointed place under his control and management in Houston Township. He is member of one of the old and well known families of the county.

He was born in Gilmer Township July 19, 1866, son of the late William D. and Adelia (Judy) Finley. His father was born in Kentucky in 1840, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, a son of Eli Finley, who in an early day moved to Lewis County, Missouri. William D. Finley as a young man came to Adams County, and married here Adelia Judy, daughter of Paris T. Judy, one of the most conspicuous names in the early settlement and history of Gilmer Township. Mrs. Adelia Finley is still living, and resides with her daughter in a fine home at Quincy. William D. Finley was greatly prospered in his activities, and besides his home farm in Gilmer Township of 371 acres he owns 720 acres in Houston Township and 160 acres in Kansas. He died in 1908. Further particulars regarding his interesting career will be found on other pages. He was the father of five children: Eli, deceased; William J., of Houston Township; Frisby S.; Sarah Agnes, who lives with her mother; and Ora Belle, who died at the age of two years.

Frisby S. Finley grew up on the old homestead in Gilmer Township, and attended the district schools and also the Maplewood High School at Camp Point. His activities since young manhood have been directed to farming and stock dealing. In 1888 he located on his present place in Houston Township, where he has 220 acres, and its improvements and facilities make it one of the best farms in that locality. Mr. Finley is raising much live stock, including pure bred Duroc Jersey swine.

He is a democrat, but has been too busy with his private affairs to seek office. He is interested in Christian Science. His mother is an active member of that faith in Quincy.

In 1895 Mr. Finley married Elizabeth E. Rutledge, of Gilmer Township.

She died June 12, 1917, and in March, 1918, he married Miss Esther Zigler, of Adams County.

ALEXANDER R. FRAZIER, whose place in Adams County is that of a prosperous farmer and stock man in section 21 of Mendon Township, ten miles northeast of Quincy, has accomplished those things in life that Adams County people in general have come to expect of members of the Frazier family.

The Fraziers were among the very first settlers in northwestern Adams County. They came here over ninety years ago. Nine decades is a long time in the history of any Middle West community. It takes us back to the administration of President John Quincy Adams, when Illinois as a state was less than ten years old, before the first American railway had been built, only a short time after the Erie Canal had been opened to traffic, and when it was more difficult to communicate with a person 100 miles away than it now is to send a message around the globe.

The pioneer of the family in Adams County was George Frazier, who was of Scotch-Irish ancestry and had formerly lived in Kentucky. When he set out from Cynthiana, Harrison County, Kentucky, for Western Illinois, he was accompanied by some sturdy young sons and daughters. This family traveled overland in wagons, and George Frazier in prospecting the country was especially on the lookout for timber land and springs. When he passed through Quincy there was nothing to distinguish that site except two log cabins. Going on north, he eventually settled in what is now Ursa Township, seven miles north of Quincy, and there he obtained land sufficient to give each of his sons a quarter section. His family arrived in the township April 13, 1827. About a year before the Campbell family and one or two others had also extended their pioneer efforts to this locality. George Frazier later moved three miles east of his first place, and his old home was occupied by his son James, who lived on that farm in section 31 of Ursa Township the rest of his life, dying at the age of seventy-five. Part of the land had been in cultivation since 1826. The old farm of James was later occupied by Joel, son of James, and it is now owned by George and Carl Frazier, great-grandsons of George Frazier. The second homestead occupied by George Frazier is now known as the Whipps farm, and it adjoined on the west the farm of his son Lemuel G. At this second location George Frazier spent his last years, and he was laid to rest in the family burying ground on the farm of his son Lemuel. His wife died when about seventy-three.

George Frazier had five sons and three daughters. Joel his oldest son, spent most of his life in Mendon Township, where he died at the age of sixty, and none of his descendants are now in the county. Joel Frazier is remembered as the teacher of the first school in Ursa Township. That school, taught in the fall of 1828, was held in a little log schoolhouse in section 31. James B. Frazier, the second son, was born in Kentucky in 1807, and, as above noted, died at the original Frazier farm at the age of seventy-five. He married Emelia Nesbitt, and they had nine children. Lemuel G. Frazier, the third son, was the father of Alexander R., and further mention of his career is made below. George Frazier, who died at the age of sixty-five on his farm in Mendon Township, left a daughter, Carrie, now widow of Washington Taylor. Richard Frazier died near Lima at the age of seventy, and his old place is owned by his grandchildren. The farms which George Frazier provided for these sons cost \$1.25 an acre. George and Joel's farms were in Mendon Township, Richard's in Lima, and James and Lemuel's in Ursa Township. Louisa, oldest of the three daughters of George Frazier, married John Scott, and she died at Warsaw, Illinois, at the age of seventy-five. Lucetta, who died near Lima at the age of sixty-five, had two husbands, the first named Whitney and the second Fletcher. Polly Ann, who died at Quincy at the age of seventy, married Thomas Jasper, a distiller and merchant of Quincy.

Lemuel G. Frazier was born in Harrison County, Kentucky, February 18.



1811, and was sixteen years old when he accompanied his father to Adams County. He spent all his active life on his farm in section 29 of Ursa Township, and was steadily prospered in his affairs and helped his children to get a start in life. He was a democrat and was active in the Christian Church of Ursa, helping build the first church. He also served at one time as county coroner. On October 28, 1843, Lemuel G. Frazier married Mary Roberts, of Butler County, Ohio. She died March 22, 1851, aged twenty-four years, two months and three days. She was the mother of three children. Theophilus, who died at Canton, Illinois, in 1914, at the age of sixty-eight, served through the Civil war as a member of Company B, Seventy-Eighth Illinois Infantry, having enlisted at the age of seventeen. He finished his education at Abingdon, Illinois, and for a number of years was a druggist at Table Grove in Fulton County. He was elected and served two terms as circuit clerk of Fulton County. He married Dora Durham, and they had two children, Libbie, who is married and lives in California, and Clifford, an attorney at Peoria, Montgomery B., second child of Lemuel Frazier by his first wife, married Jane Taylor, of Ursa, and afterwards lived for some years in Andrew County, Missouri, and in Nebraska, then returned to Illinois for five years, and eventually went to Oklahoma, where he died at the age of sixty-nine, and his widow is now living at Ursa. His daughter Winnie is the wife of John Loomis, of Lorraine, Illinois. He has a son, Christian, in Oklahoma. Libbie, the third child of Lemuel and his first wife, married Rev. Marion Ingles, of the Christian Church, who died in Kansas, where his widow is still living.

On August 19, 1853, Lemuel G. Frazier married Eva M. Ahalt, who was born in Frederick County, Maryland, September 10, 1829, and was a small girl when her family came to Ursa Township. She died December 9, 1902, at the age of seventy-three. She became the mother of nine children, five boys and four girls. The oldest is Alexander Ransberg. Josie is the wife of Tom B. Smith, a farmer in Ursa. Thomas J. has a farm in Ursa Township adjoining the old place of his father. Ida married Ellis Dornbaugh, a Nebraska farmer. Charles also farmed in Nebraska. Rosa married George Ford, a grain dealer of Illiopolis, Illinois. Etta Belle married Judas T. Wilderman, a farmer of Freeburg, Illinois. John owns the old homestead of his father, but lives on a place adjoining it in the same township. George is a stock-buyer and shipper of Ursa.

Alexander R. Frazier was born on his father's farm in Ursa Township May 16, 1854. He lived at home with his parents until he was twenty-six. In the meantime he had acquired a good education in local schools and in the Gem City Business College. Mr. Frazier married Anna King, of Gilmer Township, daughter of Elijah M. and Ruth (Chase) King of that township. Mrs. Frazier has always taken a great interest in educational affairs, and has to her credit twelve years of teaching, both before and after her marriage. Most of her work in the schools was done in Gilmer, Honey Creek and Mendon townships. She attended high school at Clayton and at Camp Point and also Abingdon College.

After his marriage Mr. Frazier rented a nearby farm for twelve years, and then bought the first place of his own, the old McBann farm of 160 acres cornering the place of his father in Ursa Township. The house was built in 1881 by Mrs. William Nicholson. Mr. Frazier paid \$80 an acre for his first eighty acres, and in 1890 for the second eighty paid \$90. He has done much in the way of general farming and stock raising, and for many years has been an importer and breeder of Percheron horses. He feeds all his crops on his own farm and every year turns out a bunch of hogs for market. In politics he is a democrat, but has never sought the honors of office. He has been a member of the Masonic order since the age of twenty-one and is also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and with his wife belongs to the Royal Neighbors. He and his family are members of the Ursa Christian Church.



Mr. and Mrs. Frazier had a family of six children, but had the misfortune to lose three of them in infancy. Their three daughters living are all women of thorough education, and all of them have taught school. The two oldest attended high school, and taught in Adams County, while the youngest is a graduate of the State Normal at Normal and received a state certificate, and for four terms was a teacher in Sangamon County. She is a special teacher of reading and still conducts private classes in that art. The oldest daughter, Ora, married August Isaacson, of Ursa, and of their three children one died in infancy, and the two surviving boys are Sherill D. and John. Eva Ruth, the second daughter, is the wife of Frank Shriver, of Mendon Township, and they have three children, Helen, Mildred and Henry Franklin. Elizabeth is now the wife of Robert Funderburk, a farmer in Sangamon County, Illinois.

ANTHONY LANZA, who died December 12, 1918, was an interesting personality in the commercial life of Quincy, and a man of real achievement. His career is an illustration of how big things frequently grow from small beginnings. A number of years ago he was selling fruit from a pusheart in Buffalo, New York. For some years before his death he was head of the firm A. Lanza & Son, wholesale dealers in fruits and produce, one of the leading firms of its kind in the Mississippi Valley. This firm established its completely equipped store and plant at 624 Jersey Street about 1913. The business handled fruits produced all the way from Mexico to the northern borders of the United States, and supplied a retail trade over two states.

Anthony Lanza was born in Italy June 21, 1853. He grew up there and was educated in his native city. When he was a small boy he went to sea, and altogether had nine years of seafaring experience. For three years of that time he was a steward on a boat. He left the sea at Philadelphia in 1874, worked there for a time, but sold his first fruit, as above noted, at Buffalo, New York. Thrift and hard work took him through the successive stages on the way to success. For several years he had a retail store at St. Louis, Missouri, and for two years was a fruit and produce wholesaler at Springfield, Illinois. In 1887 he started business at Quincy with a small place on Maine Street, and had various other locations until he established the plant above noted.

He and his wife were married at St. Louis. Her maiden name was Miss Carmelia Foti. She was born in 1864, not far from where her husband was born. She came with her parents to America, and from New York the family went to St. Louis, where she grew up and lived until her marriage.

The late Mr. Lanza was a devout communicant of St. Peter's Catholic Church, of which his widow and children are members. The interest he took in his family and in his church was one of the chief incentives to his business effort. His oldest daughter, Catherine, is the wife of J. F. Rao, sales agent for the National Cash Register Company at Joliet, Illinois. Mary, like her sisters, graduated from St. Mary's Academy, and is now deceased. Sarah died after her marriage to Joseph Stephens, and left twin daughters, Lois and Lucille. The next in age of the family is Bruno. Josephine is now managing the Central Market Fruit Store. Samuel married Alice Stickler, and has a son, Anthony. Nancy is the wife of Frank Defavia and lives at Peoria. Vincent and Joseph are the youngest children, the latter still a student in high school.

Bruno Lanza had for several years prior to his father's death carried most of the responsibilities of the business, and much of its growth and development is to be credited to his youth, enthusiasm and enterprise. He was born in Quincy January 1, 1888, was educated in parochial schools, in St. Francis College and the Gem City Business College. He began work as clerk for his father and rapidly acquired a comprehensive knowledge of every detail of the fruit business. Mr. Bruno Lanza is still unmarried.

JOHN H. ADAMS. A well remembered tragedy in Adams County which took away one of its best citizens and a substantial farmer of Columbus Township occurred July 19, 1917, when as a result of an automobile accident John H. Adams while on his way home from Quincy was so severely injured that he died a few days later in St. Mary's Hospital July 27, 1917.

Mr. Adams is survived by his widow and children, who still occupy the fine farm which he developed in section 27 of Columbus Township. Mr. Adams was born in Walker Township of Hancock County, Illinois, July 1, 1860, and was in the prime of life when he died. When twelve years of age he was brought to Fall Creek Township, Adams County, by his parents, Fred and Mary Adams. They were farming people there and the father died in middle life. His widow afterwards married Henry Brackensiek, and both died in Columbus Township. They were members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

John H. Adams grew up in Columbus Township at the home of his mother and stepfather. He took farming as a serious vocation early in life, and eventually acquired the homestead farm of 110 acres in section 27. He made many improvements, including a substantial seven-room house, located on a high hill overlooking much of the surrounding country. The farm is well named Valley View. The house was built in 1902. Other improvements consist of barn and outbuildings. Mr. Adams was a very capable farmer and a good business man, and generally held in high esteem all over that part of the county. He was a democrat, had served as constable and in other minor offices. He was a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church.

In Columbus Township he married Miss Carolina Hollenstein. Mrs. Adams was born in Lippe Detmold, Germany, August 15, 1861, daughter of August and Carolina (Bierman) Hollenstein, natives of the same place. Two children were born to them in Germany, August, Jr., and Carolina. They then brought their family on a sailing vessel to New York and thence to Quincy, locating on a farm in Columbus Township, where Mrs. Adams' mother died. Mr. Hollenstein spent his last years with Mrs. Adams and died March 14, 1914, at the venerable age of ninety-one. The Hollensteins were among the original members and founders of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Mrs. Adams had the following brothers and sisters born in this country: Mary, wife of Henry Wilke, a farmer in Liberty Township, and the mother of Florian, Willard and Lloyd; William, a farmer in Columbus Township, married Mary Frerge and has children named Laura, Etta, Harry, Mabel and Sadie; Henry, a farmer in Columbus Township, married Anna Wilke, and they have a daughter, Viola.

Mrs. Adams became the mother of five children. Emma died when nine months old; Fred also died in childhood; Elmer W., who has been the capable manager of the home farm since his father's death, was educated in the local schools; Myrtle L., who was educated in the schools near the old home, married Floyd Koch, and they live on a farm in Columbus Township; Elsie was well educated in the local schools and is at home with her mother. The family are members of the Lutheran Church except the son Elmer, who has united with the Christian Church.

WILLIAM H. BRACKENSICK. For a long period of years the name Brackensick has been identified with the grocery trade at Quincy. Mr. William H. Brackensick has one of the larger and better appointed establishments for the purveying of necessities to the family larder, located at 726 Adams Street, and his many patrons get the benefit of his long and thorough experience in handling all commodities that are classified as living necessities.

Mr. Brackensick was born at Quincy July 20, 1869, son of Bernard H. and Elizabeth (Hanbrock) Brackensick. Both parents were natives of Germany. They came to America and located at Quincy in 1856. Bernard Brackensick was a brick manufacturer, one of the pioneers in that industry, and made great quantities of the material which entered into the construction of



homes, business houses and other public buildings at Quincy. With his son August he made the brick in 1869 with which St. Anthony's Church was built in Melrose Township. He died January 21, 1904. His first wife, Elizabeth, died June 30, 1872, the mother of seven children: A daughter that died in infancy; August, a retired brick manufacturer of Quincy; Louis, deceased; Annie, wife of Ernest Rothmann, of Quincy; John, a brick layer at Quincy; Frank, a retired resident of Quincy; and William H. In 1873 Bernard Brackensick married for his second wife Henrietta Riepe, who died July 23, 1884, without children. In April, 1885, he married for his third wife Annie Vahle, widow of Gottlieb Vahle. The third wife of Bernard Brackensick is still living, and by her marriage to him she had one child, Oscar, now living in Quincy.

William H. Brackensick as a boy attended the German School at Quincy and was only thirteen years of age when he became a practical assistant to his father in the brick yard, and in the next two years learned much about the brick making industry and also picked up a practical knowledge of the carpenter's trade. As a carpenter he was employed in local building construction for about eleven years. On June 6, 1893, Mr. Brackensick entered the grocery and dry goods business, and from that time forward, practically a quarter of a century, his name has been continuously identified with merchandising and chiefly as a grocer. His first store was at 728 Adams Street. In 1904 he sold that establishment and for a year was retired. On January 1, 1905, he formed a partnership with H. F. Stork, grocers, at 805 State Street. June 20, 1905, he sold the stock to his partner, and was again retired until June 16, 1906, when he opened his present high class store at 726 Adams Street, just adjoining the store where he was first in business, twenty-five years ago.

November 27, 1900, Mr. Brackensick married Helen Hagenbaumer. Mrs. Brackensick died June 7, 1907, the mother of five children: Enda, of Chicago; Jennie, at home; a son that died in infancy; Zella, wife of J. E. Hildebrand, of Quincy; and Jerome, who died in childhood. On August 23, 1908, Mr. Brackensick married a sister of his first wife, Amelia Hagenbaumer. Five children were born to their union, the first two dying in infancy. The third, Mildred, died in childhood, and the only two living are Russell and Floy. Mr. Brackensick is a republican voter and with his family worships in St. James Lutheran Church.

HENRY SPARKS has been a diligent and hard working farmer of Adams County for thirty years, and the measure of his success can be found in the farm of generous proportions which he owns and on which he resides in Clayton Township, and another large place he owns in Columbus Township.

Mr. Sparks was born in Columbus Township September 27, 1867, son of Aquilla and Mary Jane (Akers) Sparks. His mother was born in Columbus Township and was a sister of Judge Albert Akers, mention of whose name will be found on other pages. Aquilla Sparks was born in 1834, had a public school education, began his career as a farm worker and later bought a small place in Columbus Township. He kept increasing his holdings until at the time of his death he owned 300 acres and was rated as one of the most successful men of that township. He was a democratic voter and his wife a member of the Christian Church. His wife married for her first husband Lindorf Butts, who was killed as a soldier in the Civil war and left one son Cyrus L. Butts, now living in California. Aquilla Sparks and wife had three children: Henry; Laura Belle, deceased; and Thomas O., of Clayton Township.

Henry Sparks grew up on the old farm in Columbus Township and attended the district schools and also the Maplewood High School of Camp Point. He used the training secured in school to teach, and was one of the capable educators working in this county for seven years. Since then he has given all his time to farming and is now owner of 382 acres in Columbus Township and 160 acres constituting his home place in Clayton Township. Mr. Sparks has



a general stock and grain farm, and besides much other good livestock breeds and raises Poland China hogs. He is a democrat in politics, and while living in Columbus Township served as township clerk and has been assessor of Clayton Township two terms. He is affiliated with Camp Point Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Clayton.

December 25, Christmas Day, 1888, Mr. Sparks married Miss Flora E. DeMoss, member of a well known family of that name in Columbus Township, and a daughter of W. D. and Mary E. DeMoss. She died March 19, 1892, mother of one child, Ethel M. Ethel was born November 16, 1890, is a graduate of the Clayton High School, and is now the wife of Albert G. Beckman, of Concord Township. Mr. and Mrs. Beckman have two children: Ruth M. and Ralph Harold. On October 10, 1895, Mr. Sparks married Lillie M. DeMoss, sister of his first wife. They have one son, Orrin D., who was born October 9, 1897, and is a graduate of both the Maplewood High School and the Gem City Business College, and is now assisting his father in the management of their farm.

ADAM SPECKHART is another son of the prominent pioneer of Fall Creek Township, John Speckhart, Sr., whose career is sketched on other pages. Adam Speckhart now owns the old homestead, nine miles southeast of Quincy, and was born there October 1, 1849. He inherited the old farm, and with that as a basis has extended his holdings until he now has six farms, three near the old homestead, one on the bottom lands, and still another in Kansas. Much of this land is rented and altogether it comprises about 1,000 acres. He has substantially improved several of the farms with buildings. His farming has been along the line of stock raising.

Mr. Speckhart spent his early life on the old farm and attended school at Craigtown. He has never sought public office and in voting has usually been an independent democrat. He is a deacon in the Bluff Hall Congregational Church.

March 3, 1878, Mr. Speckhart married Miss Mary E. Bock, daughter of Daniel and Fredericka Bock. Mrs. Speckhart was born in Melrose Township and was nineteen years of age at the time of her marriage. Her father was a native of Waldeck and her mother of Baden, Germany. Mrs. Speckhart, who died February 4, 1916, became the mother of eight children. Catherine, born December 5, 1878, is now the wife of William Albsmeyer, of Melrose Township, and has one daughter, Marie Charlotte. Mary Elizabeth, born in November, 1880, is the wife of Nicholas Kaltenbach, of Fall Creek Township. Fred William, born January 29, 1883, is a bachelor still at home. Anna Margaret, born May 22, 1885, is the wife of Fred Schnellbacher, and they live on an adjoining farm to her father. Wilhelmina, born November 7, 1887, is the wife of Christian Kaiser, and they live with her father and operate one of the farms. Mr. and Mrs. Kaiser have four children, Harold Russell, Marion Adolph Frederick, Mary Louise and Doris Anna Amelia. Henry, born in 1890, and Emma, born in 1892, died in infancy. Carl, born January 25, 1894, married Mary Jane Spencer, lives on one of his father's farms, and has one child, Harlow Adam.

AMOS SHARP. In the intervals of his farm activities in Concord Township Amos Sharp has found time to serve the interests of his fellow citizens in the office of supervisor. He has been active since early manhood as a democrat. He was first elected supervisor when twenty-six years of age, and after a lapse of time he was elected for another period of eight years. His good service in that position is well remembered, and is the basis of much of the esteem paid him.

Mr. Sharp's farm is in section 16 of Concord Township, and in that one locality he has had his home since he was six months old. He was born in

Yorkshire, England, and is a son of Amos and Hylas (Nelson) Sharp, also natives of Yorkshire. They were married there and had four children, John, Ellen, Jane and Amos, all born in England. Amos was born April 15, 1871. In the fall of that year the family took passage on a boat at Liverpool, crossed the ocean to New York, and soon came out to Concord Township in Adams County. Some years prior to that Thomas Sharp, an uncle of Amos, Sr., had located in the county, and there was another uncle, John, in the county. Edward Sharp also came to the county prior to his nephew, Amos. Thus the Sharp family has become well known in Adams County. Edward Sharp was born in England in 1807, and settled in Adams County about 1837. He was one of the pioneer fruit growers of the county.

Amos Sharp, Sr., and wife spent their lives in Concord Township as farmers. He died May 24, 1886, at the age of fifty. Hylas Nelson, his wife, was born July 15, 1836, and died March 15, 1912, at the age of seventy-six. They were members of the Church of England and he was a democrat. Of their children Jennie became the wife of William Reen, and at her death left two daughters. The living children are: John, a farmer in Concord Township, and the father of three sons and two daughters, two of the former being now in the war. Ellen is the wife of Theodore Kesting, a retired farmer at Clayton, and they have a son, George. The next is Amos. Richard N. is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, in which he served three years, and is now living in Quincy. He is married and has two daughters. Hylas is the wife of Charles Beckman, a farmer of Concord Township, and they have three sons and one daughter. Eliza married Louis Childs, lives in Kansas City, Kansas, and has two sons and two daughters. Emma E. is the wife of Charles Amen, of Concord Township, and is the mother of one daughter.

Amos Sharp, Jr., received his education in the old Colpitt School. He lived at home with his parents to the age of twenty-six. In 1898 he bought his fine farm of eighty acres in section 16, and here he has made his home and developed some notable improvements. His residence is a seven-room house, and he also has a large stock and grain barn and also a stock barn. This farm is appropriately named the Lone Sycamore Farm. It is highly cultivated, growing large crops of corn, wheat and oats, and he keeps some good stock.

In Columbus Township January 12, 1898, Mr. Sharp married Miss Elizabeth Hocamp. She was born in that township September 11, 1874, and received her education in the Oakwood District School. She is a daughter of John and Hannah W. (Von Holt) Hocamp, both natives of Germany. They came to the United States when young people and were married in Quincy in 1873. After that they moved to Columbus Township, bought 240 acres of land, and Mr. Hocamp literally improved his farm from the wilds. He was one of the hard working and highly esteemed citizens of the community and died November 2, 1915. His widow, now sixty-seven years of age, and some of her children still live at the old home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp have one daughter, Reta Alene, born September 22, 1903. She attended the Colpitt District School and is now in the second year of high school at Clayton. The family are members of the Christian Church, and Mr. Sharp is affiliated with the Odd Fellows and the Woodmen orders at Clayton.

**JOHN A. VOLLRATH.** A name that henceforth will have as much significance in American history as Bunker Hill or Gettysburg is Chateau Thierry, where in the summer of 1918 the American forces bore the brunt of the fighting which turned back the tide of German invasion which had been steadily progressing toward Paris for three months. Chateau Thierry is first in the list of French names which will always have their place in American school books.

It was at that vital point on the western front June 9, 1918, that an Adams County boy, a member of the invincible Marines, Oscar Vollrath, fell while



OSCAR VOLLRATH





bravely performing his duties. Oscar Vollrath was a corporal and in charge of a squad, and while superintending the placing of a gun was killed by a shell concussion. He was buried by his own comrades with full military honors. He had well earned the esteem of his comrades by his soldierly conduct, and had all those virtues which make up the character of the good soldier. He was a young man of liberal education, having attended in addition to the common schools near his home the Gem City Business College at Quincy, and in 1915 had graduated from the Central Wesleyan College at Warrenton, Missouri. He enlisted in March, 1917, before the war was formally opened against Germany. He went into the National Guard but soon found opportunities to become a member of the Marines. For a time he was stationed on the Kaiser Wilhelm, a steamship taken over by the United States from the German government, and later was assigned to the Marine Unit co-operating with the French on the western front.

The name and record of this soldier of Adams County is appropriately considered at the beginning of the sketch of his father, John A. Vollrath, who for many years has been one of the successful farmers of Melrose Township. The Vollrath home is nine miles southeast of Quincy, and the old farm where John A. Vollrath was born and also his son Oscar has been in the possession of the family for nearly seventy years. John A. Vollrath was born there May 27, 1868, son of John and Marie Kerkman Vollrath. John Vollrath was born at Berg Sponheim, Kreuznach, Rhenish Prussia, June 28, 1816. He received a liberal education in Germany, and on July 11, 1840, arrived at New Orleans. He remained in New Orleans six years and was employed there as a teacher in the Lutheran parochial schools. The climate of the South not agreeing with him, and as the wages he received did not compensate for other advantages, he came north to Quincy and resumed employment as a teacher in the German schools. He also worked at the carpenter's trade for a time. On December 10, 1847, in Quincy, he married Miss Marie Kerkman, who was born at Heidbrink, Rosenberg Kurhessen, Germany, March 31, 1824. She had come when a girl to the United States with her parents and with her brother Frederick. Her brother Frederick became a prominent minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was serving as presiding elder when he died at the age of twenty-seven. He was laid to rest in the Woodland cemetery and left a wife and two children, one of them, Caroline, being a widow living at Des Moines.

In 1849 John Vollrath bought land included in the present Vollrath homestead, and soon afterward took possession and began the long task of developing a home. He cleared away the woods, gradually enlarged the scope of cultivation, erected substantial buildings, and in time had a good farm of 167 acres. While farming in the early days he also taught district school, and some of his own children were his pupils. He always maintained an active interest in school affairs, serving as school director, as justice of the peace, and in other local offices. He was a republican in politics. He was one of the most active and faithful members of the Methodist Church at Mill Creek, and both he and his wife were teachers in the Sunday school, and for many years he was superintendent of the school. He was also a local minister and often filled vacancies in the pulpit as a preacher. He never accepted any salary for this church work. Besides farming he employed his leisure in work at the trade of carpenter and cabinet maker, and one evidence of his handiwork is still at the old home in the shape of a neatly contrived cupboard. John Vollrath died July 15, 1904, when upwards of ninety years of age. His widow passed away March 2, 1910, also at a good old age. They had a family of eight children: Hannah, widow of August Meyer, living in Payson Township; Caroline, widow of August Sittler, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Henry, who had a farm near the old homestead and died September 4, 1918; Marie, who died at the age of seven years; Martin, of Melrose Township; Sophia, Mrs. Charles Young, of Quincy; Lizzie, Mrs. Edward H. Meyer, living near the old home; and John A.

John A. Vollrath attended the local public schools and his life has steadily

been spent on the old farm. He rented the land from his father some years, and later bought 117 acres from his father. He devotes it to general farming, and it is one of the best kept places in Melrose Township. Mr. Vollrath is a republican, served one term of two years as township assessor, and has been a member of the township committee.

November 24, 1892, he married Miss Ida Meyer, whose maiden name was Bush, but from the age of twelve years was reared by Mrs. August Meyer, a sister of Mr. Vollrath. Mrs. Vollrath died in 1903, the mother of five children. Oscar Vollrath was the oldest of those children and was born December 2, 1894. He was therefore not yet twenty-four years of age when he fell on the field of glory in France. Lydia, the second child, is a stenographer in the office of the Surgeon General at Washington, D. C. Elmer is an automobile dealer in Quincy. Harvey and Ida are both at home. On January 1, 1908, Mr. Vollrath married Anna Reutzel, of Columbus, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Hurter) Reutzel, both now deceased. Her father was living as a retired farmer when he died. Mrs. Vollrath was born in Columbus Township. They have one son, Ray, now seven years old.

JAMES HENRY GRADY, an extensive farmer and stockman in McKee Township, his home being three miles south of Kellerville, represents one of the earlier families settled in this section of Adams County, and his people were among the pioneers of Western Illinois.

Mr. Grady was born on his present farm and on the site of his present house October 6, 1861, son of James Monroe and Ellen (Jones) Grady. Both the Jones and Grady families came to Brown County, Illinois, about 1837. They were all from North Carolina. The grandfather, John Grady, was born in Davidson County, North Carolina, October 15, 1802, and spent his last days in the home of his son James M. in Adams County, where he died April 21, 1882. John Grady married a Miss Briggs, who died of cholera in 1852 or 1853. James Monroe Grady was born September 6, 1823, and died February 21, 1897. On February 14, 1846, he married Ellen Jones, who was born in North Carolina December 14, 1830, and died November 19, 1880.

It was in 1859 that James M. Grady settled on the present farm in McKee Township. He acquired 365 acres, only a few acres at that time being in cultivation. There was no house, and in every sense of the term he made the farm, hewing it out of the wilderness. The rest of his years were devoted to that labor and he continued active until the year of his death. He was well preserved both physically and mentally, as was his father also. James M. Grady served as a justice of the peace for some years, was a democrat and was active in the Good Hope Baptist Church. Both John and James M. Grady were keen and enthusiastic hunters and sportsmen. In the early days they killed deer and turkey, and they were fond of going on the hunt even in old age. On the present farm of James Henry Grady stands a relic of pioneer times in the shape of the old log house built by his father. This has a large stone outside chimney and is one of the few structures still left of its kind.

James M. Grady and wife had eleven children, three of whom died in infancy. Those to reach mature years were: William R., who went out to California and located at Noyo; John F., living at Elmonte, near Los Angeles; Julia A., wife of Jacob Hughes of Bakersfield, California; Hattie E., who became the wife of Charles Grady and died in middle life; Rosetta, who married Henry Gabel, of Topanga, California; James Henry; Beda, Mrs. Robert Dennis; and Abbie E., Mrs. Frank McNeff, of Siloam, Illinois.

James Henry Grady has spent most of his life on the old homestead. He acquired his education in the local district schools and as a boy worked out as a farm hand. Later he entered the service of the Singer Sewing Machine Company at St. Louis as a machinist, and was in that line of work until 1884. In the meantime, in 1883, he bought the present farm, the old homestead, and has lived on it steadily since 1884. His good judgment and ability have enabled



him to acquire more land until he now has 424 acres in a body. This is a fine stock farm and he also has ten acres of productive orchard. He handles cattle, sheep and hogs and consumes practically all of the feed products on the farm. While he has never been a seeker for public honors, he has served as school director for twenty-four years and is still on the board. He is an independent democrat and was a member of various committees in war relief work and liberty loan campaigns in the recent World war.

In 1891 Mr. Grady married Mary McNeff, who died five years later, the mother of two children, Irvin and Stella. In 1903 Mr. Grady married Maggie Noble, of McKee Township. They have one daughter, Edith. The son Irvin attended high school one year and at the age of seventeen became a rural mail carrier and was in that service until he was called into the army April 3, 1918. He was first sent to Galveston, Texas, and in July was sent overseas to France. He was in the Trench Mortar branch and received his final training in France, where he remained until the close of the war. He held the rank of first class private, and received his honorary discharge February 3, 1919, and is now living on the farm with his parents and has resumed his former occupation of rural mail carrier. Mr. Grady's daughter Stella is the wife of Russell Jones, of Siloam, Illinois. The daughter Edith is now a student in the Maplewood High School at Camp Point and had the distinction of winning the county contest in spelling in 1917, being then only thirteen years old.

AUGUST C. HUSEMANN is one of the native born citizens of Adams County, and his is the record of an industrious and upright career identified for many years with Melrose Township. He and his wife now have one of the beautiful and attractive farmsteads of that township. In earlier years they worked hard, were content with simple comforts and necessities, and were willing to sacrifice many things in order to secure a home, rear their children properly and have a competence for their later years. In all this they have succeeded, and they deserve the respect and honor paid to hard working and excellent citizens.

Mr. Husemann was born May 12, 1869, seventh in a family of nine children, five sons and four daughters, born to Philip and Anna Husemann. All the children but one are still living and all residents of Adams County. They were educated in the common and parochial schools and the sons are all practical farmers.

Philip Husemann was born in the City of Berlin, Germany, and on reaching his majority left the fatherland and came to the United States. He took passage on a sailing vessel at Bremerhaven, and after a voyage of fourteen weeks landed in New Orleans, whence he came up the Mississippi River to St. Louis and a short time later continued on up the river to Quincy. He had no capital but his industrious disposition, and sought his early advantages in the new world and as a farm laborer for Mr. Demaree. The years brought their rewards, and eventually he was able to buy sixty acres of land, assuming a heavy debt and paying 12 per cent interest. He afterward bought another fifty acres, all in Melrose Township, his home being in section 8. He was a republican, and he and his wife were charter members of St. Jacob's German Lutheran Church at Quincy. He died after an honored and respected career February 26, 1913, and his wife in July, 1906. Both are now at rest in the Green Mount Cemetery.

Mr. August C. Husemann was educated in both the parochial and common schools, and for thirty years has applied all of his intelligence and industry to the business of farming and stock raising. He has recently begun the development of a good herd of Shorthorn cattle on his farm. His place comprises forty acres, lying  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the city limits of Quincy. Its improvements and the value of the property represent the joint labors and efforts of Mr. Husemann and his good wife.

April 17, 1895, at Quincy, he married Miss Amelia E. Bringer. They have one son, Harvey H., who was educated in the common and parochial schools and is a youth of much promise and ability and in him center the hopes and fondest desires of his parents. He is also a member of the German Lutheran Church of Quincy. Mrs. Husemann was born in Melrose Township September 27, 1868, daughter of Harmon and Anna (Brandt) Bringer. She was one of six children, two daughters and four sons, all living and all residents of Adams County. Her father was born in Germany, coming to the United States in young manhood. He arrived in Adams County practically empty handed, but in time had advanced himself to the ownership of a good farm in Melrose Township. His first purchase was sixty-five acres and later he bought another forty acres. He developed the land from practically a raw state to one of the good farms of the county, especially well known for its fine livestock. He and his wife were members of the Salem Memorial Church, and he was one of its charter members. Politically he voted as a republican. The death of Mrs. Husemann's father occurred January 1, 1909. Her mother was born in Holstein, Germany, and was a small girl when her parents came to the United States and settled in Adams County. She died July 17, 1916. Both parents now rest in the Green Mount Cemetery.

Mrs. Husemann was educated in both the German and English languages. After her marriage she and Mr. Husemann started out with no capital but with resolution to give a good account of themselves and make the most of their opportunities. These ideals have been attained and in 1918 they are enjoying the fruits of their well spent years and good farm without a dollar of indebtedness against it. Mr. Husemann is a republican, having cast his first presidential vote for Benjamin Harrison. At different times he served as a member of the County Convention. He has been director of the public schools for twenty-one years, and is clerk of the board and earnestly supports the cause of public education at every opportunity. He and his wife are members of the German Lutheran Church at Quincy. Many of the most progressive farmer citizens of Adams County now own their own cars, and the Husemanns have one of the fine Cadillacs, which extends the scope of their enjoyment and social privileges so that the attractions of the city and the homes of their remote friends are practically as accessible as were the homes of their closest neighbors only a few years ago.

WILLIAM KIMBLE is one of the generation of younger farmers of Adams County, and in a few brief years during the present great era of prosperity has marched rapidly towards independence and toward an important share in the success and prosperity of the American agriculturist.

He was born in Schuyler County, Illinois, March 6, 1881, a son of Samuel and Hester (Hill) Kimble. His father was born in Ohio in 1845 and his mother in 1851. They came with their respective families when young to Schuyler County, Illinois, married there, and in 1887 sold their farm and moved to Adams County, locating in Northeast Township, on a place of eighty acres. They finally sold that homestead and retired to Golden, where the father died in 1912. His widow is still living in Golden. They had seven children: Rosa, Mrs. Edward Ford, of Golden; Flossie, wife of Lyman Glenn, of Bowen, Illinois; Marion, of Bowen; Elzy, of Bowen; William; Clarence, of Bowen; and Annie, wife of Max Crossland, of Bowen.

William Kimble spent his boyhood chiefly on the farm near Golden and attended the public schools of that village. Since manhood his best efforts have been employed in agricultural enterprise. In 1915 he bought his present farm of eighty acres in section 6 of Houston Township. He handles practically all the land himself, using it for producing the staple crops and the raising of good live stock. Mr. Kimble has a number of pure bred Chester White hogs and also some of the Duroc Jersey swine. He has so far not par-



icipated to any extent in politics or ever been a candidate for office. He votes independently in local affairs and in national politics is a republican.

Mr. Kimble married Miss Maud Cunningham, daughter of Andrew and Anna Cunningham, early settlers of Hancock County. The mother is still living on the old farm near Bowen. Mrs. Kimble died in 1908, and her only child died in infancy. On December 23, 1915, Mr. Kimble married Mrs. Nellie Willard Robinson. She was the mother of one son by her first husband, named Hamill. Mrs. Kimble is a daughter of William Madison Willard, and member of that well known family in Houston Township concerning whom much is said on other pages of this publication.

**ORVAL BOLING.** Of the families that have been longest identified with the agricultural community of Columbus Township, that of Boling is conspicuous. A number of the name have lived in Adams County, and of the present generation one of the leading farmers of the township is Orval Boling, whose home is in section 20.

He was born at the old Boling homestead in Concord Township March 6, 1882. His grandfather, Deloss Boling, was a native of Kentucky and came to Adams County when a young unmarried man, locating in Liberty Township, where he married Miss Hughes. She was born in Adams County. They began life on a farm near the village of Liberty, and as pioneers they had to take the land in a raw condition, clear and break it out, and used oxen for that labor. All their children were born in Liberty Township. Later the family moved to Concord Township. The children of Deloss Boling were William, Thomas, Jackson, Jefferson, George, Fannie, Elizabeth and Harriet. Of these Harriet, Jefferson and George are still living. Deloss Boling undertook to improve a new farm in Concord Township, and he died there when about seventy years of age. His widow later removed to Galveston in Hancock County, and died at the home of her daughter Fannie when past ninety years of age. Both the grandparents were members of the Primitive Baptist Church. Grandfather Boling was a democrat, and that line of politics has been adhered to by his children and grandchildren.

Jefferson Boling, father of Orval, was born in Liberty Township February 17, 1851. He attended as a boy the Rock School at Liberty. He married in Concord Township Mrs. Mary (Hanke) Schieferdecke. She was born in Adams County August 12, 1852, and was three times married. Her first husband, William Vering, died in the prime of life, leaving two sons, Fred and William, both of whom are married and are farmers in this county. Her second husband was Louis Schieferdecke, who died when still in the prime of life. His two children were Louis and Amelia, both of whom live in Adams County, are married and have children.

After his marriage Jefferson Boling lived on the old homestead in Concord Township until 1905, when he bought the old Robinson farm in Columbus Township. There his wife died in July, 1911, at the age of sixty-one. Since then Jefferson Boling has lived retired in the village of Columbus and is now sixty-eight years of age. He is a member of the Christian Church. His children are: Orval, Elpha, wife of Loren Marshall, of Columbus Township; Arthur, who was born December 25, 1886, and died unmarried at the age of thirty-one; Lawrence, who lived on his father's homestead in Adams County for a number of years, and is married and has a son, Gaylord; Iva, wife of Robert McFarland, of Columbus Township, and the mother of two daughters, Maxine and Frances; Elmer, now a soldier in camp at Newport News, Virginia.

Orval Boling grew up in Concord Township, and five years ago bought the old Naylor farm in section 22 of Columbus Township. Recently he sold that place, and in the fall of 1918 began occupation of the old homestead southeast of Columbus, where he operates 168 acres. This is one of the best farms of the township, has a well improved home and two large barns, well fitted for grain and stock.



Mr. Boling married in Columbus Township Miss Ethel May Wheeler. She was born near her present home August 4, 1885, a daughter of William and Elda (Marshall) Wheeler. Her parents now live in the village of Columbus. Mr. and Mrs. Boling have four children: Halford, born August 8, 1906, a promising youth and a good student in the seventh grade of the common schools; Mabel F., born April 29, 1908, is now in the fifth grade of the public schools; Gladys May, born December 4, 1909; and Gerald Wheeler, who was born August 18, 1911, both of whom are also in school. Mr. and Mrs. Boling are members of the Christian Church at Columbus, and he is serving as deacon. His political affiliations are with the democratic party.

AUGUST HENRY HEITHOLT. One of the good homes in southern Adams County which reflect the enterprise and ability of the owner is that of August Henry Heitholt in Fall Creek Township, a mile east of Fall Creek Station and twelve miles east of Quincy. Mr. Heitholt has spent practically all his life in Fall Creek Township, and his people have been in Adams County for seventy years.

Mr. Heitholt was born not far from his present home August 16, 1873, son of John Henry and Mary (Groteguth) Heitholt. John H. Heitholt was born in Germany March 8, 1833, and was educated in his native country. In 1846 he came to America by sailing vessel to New Orleans, and thence up the river to Quincy. For five or six years, being without capital, he worked on farms on monthly wages. In 1860 he married Miss Mary Groteguth, daughter of Philip Groteguth of Fall Creek Township. They were the parents of five children, and they were all young when their mother died in February, 1875, at the age of thirty-five.

After his marriage John H. Heitholt acquired the eighty-acre farm where his son August was born and which is now owned by the latter's brother William. John H. Heitholt made all the improvements there, cleared off the timber and brush, and increased it eventually to 160 acres. His first home was a log house. This was the old William Hughes farm, and included about fifty acres of fine bottom land. John Heitholt also bought 100 acres of bottom land three miles away. For his 160 acres he paid \$7,500. He eventually succeeded in clearing and making a fine grain farm of his bottom land. John H. Heitholt was a very progressive man in local improvements. He was one of the promoters of and served until his death as a commissioner of the Fall Creek Drainage District, a project which resulted in the reclamation of 6,000 acres of highly productive land. He was succeeded as commissioner by his son August Henry. John H. Heitholt was a democrat in politics, and served as road commissioner for twenty-three years and also as a school director. He was a very active member in the Bluff Hall Congregational Church, being one of its organizers and serving as trustee or deacon. John H. Heitholt married for his second wife Elizabeth B. Speckhart, a member of the well known and prominent Speckhart family of the county. John H. Heitholt died in 1907, and his second wife passed away in February, 1918.

The children of his first marriage were: Hannah, whose first husband was Mr. Walbrink, and she died in middle life, the wife of George Keil; Carrie married William Cornwell, of Ursa Township, and their twin sons, Elmer and Wilmer, are now wearing the khaki with the United States army; Mollie is the wife of Fred Schnellbacher, of Fall Creek Township; Lizzie married French Gibbs, of Quincy; and August Henry is the youngest and was about a year and a half old when his mother died. His father also had three children by his second wife: Emma, who died at the age of thirty-five, the wife of Charles Luce; William, on the old homestead farm; and Anna, wife of William Kaltenbach, of Fall Creek Township.

After the death of his mother August Henry Heitholt was taken to the home of his mother's sister, Mrs. Samuel Renecker, for two years. He then returned to his father and step-mother, and he and his sisters have always had

the most kindly memories of their step-mother, who was in very truth a mother to them. His years up to the age of twenty-five were spent at home, and during that time he attended the local schools.

At that age Mr. Heitholt married Matilda Uebner, daughter of Casper and Elizabeth Uebner, and sister of Adam, Anna and Andrew Uebner of Fall Creek, Mrs. William Kaltenbach, and Mrs. William Watson of Fall Creek and Mrs. Charles Schmidt of Freeport, Kansas. Mrs. Heitholt was born in Fall Creek Township. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Heitholt rented land for four years, and then bought their present farm from Joseph Hughes. This is also a part of the old William Hughes estate. It had an old house, and since then Mr. and Mrs. Heitholt built themselves a good home, also a barn, and have effected many other improvements. Their land is excellently situated, just a quarter of a mile back from the main Bluff Road. At the present time he has 238 acres, including 160 acres formerly owned by his father. His farming is chiefly in grain and hogs, and he raises about 100 hogs annually.

Mr. Heitholt served as tax collector one year, has been a member of the school board for several years, and was elected and served continuously for eleven years as supervisor, until he finally retired from the office in the spring of 1918. He has also for three years been chairman of the Road and Bridge committee. He is a democrat, an active party worker and a member of the County Central Committee. He and his family are members of the Bluff Hall Congregational Church, of which he is a trustee.

Mr. and Mrs. Heitholt have one son, Carson Henry, born January 16, 1902, now in high school. Another member of their household since their marriage has been Mrs. Heitholt's sister, Miss Anna Uebner.

**JOHN T. SMITH.** While he represents one of the old and prosperous families of Northwestern Adams County, John T. Smith has not depended upon a family name and its influence to promote his individual prosperity in life. With the aid of a capable wife he began with very small capital and has actually cleared and developed a tract of land that was formerly of no special value or usefulness, and is now owner of a farm whose productiveness speaks for itself. His home is in Ursa Township, four miles north of Ursa.

He was born in this township April 18, 1854, and is a son of the late Benjamin A. and Delilah (Spears) Smith. His father, long a prominent citizen of Ursa Township, died on his farm home in section 14 of Ursa Township March 25, 1911. He was born in Kentucky December 12, 1830. His parents were Caleb and Mary Ann (Reuck) Smith, also natives of Kentucky. About 1840 Caleb Smith moved to Illinois and located on a farm seven miles east of Carthage in Hancock County. He lived there until his death in 1894, and his wife passed away in 1884.

Benjamin A. Smith was reared in Illinois from the age of ten, had a public school education in Hancock County, and in 1850, at the age of twenty, moved to Adams County. At that age he located in section 14 of Ursa Township, and that locality continued to be his home for over sixty years. July 23, 1851, he married Miss Delilah Spears, who was born in Kentucky August 7, 1828, daughter of John and Catharine (Grimes) Spears. Her father died in 1870. Delilah's only brother, Abraham Spears, died a few years ago in Ursa Township. Benjamin A. Smith during his active lifetime kept a large and well appointed farm, comprising 136 acres, and expended most of his energies upon its improvement and cultivation. He continued active until well past the age of seventy. His wife died December 12, 1917, and of their four children, three grew to maturity: John T.; Sarah E., who died in December, 1913, the wife of Lorenzo Worley, who is still living in Ursa Township; and Levi A., who was born January 23, 1865, married Alice Young, and now occupies the old Smith homestead.

John T. Smith was reared and educated in this county, and spent most of his years at home until his marriage. June 7, 1876, he married Ella A. Camp-



bell, who died February 26, 1911. On September 10, 1913, he married Elizabeth May Byrd, who was born in Quincy, a daughter of Doctor Byrd, a prominent old time physician of that city. Mr. Smith's children are all by his first wife. Ollie May is the wife of Willard J. Smith, a carpenter and farmer at Ursa; Grace Bessie is the wife of Irving Agard, an Ursa Township farmer; Charles E. is a farmer and a member of the school board; Levi A. married Viola Kime. The sons are now partners with their father in the operation of the farm.

It was in September, 1878, that Mr. Smith bought sixty acres of bottom land included in his present farm. He paid \$40 per acre. At that time it was covered with willows, there was no drainage, and practically none of it had ever been devoted to successful production. He fenced, cleared, and worked steadily year after year in making a farm. Within the last two years this land has been placed within a drainage district and is now one of the most fertile tracts in the county. Beginning with sixty acres Mr. Smith has added from time to time until he now has a well balanced farm of 227 acres. For the last sixty-seven acres that he bought he paid \$200 an acre. This indicates the general advance in land values, largely representing improvements made. In 1902 Mr. Smith erected a good substantial home, and his barn was built in 1906. The bottom lands produce abundantly of corn and wheat, and every year he has a large number of Poland China hogs for the market. At the time of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Smith had about \$1,000 as their capital, and that became the first payment they made on the sixty acres of land. The rest of his prosperity represents the value of his own labors and good management. He also owns eighty acres of timber land in section 31, six miles away from his home farm. Mr. Smith is a democrat but has never sought public office of any kind and has no church affiliations. He has been affiliated with the Ursa Lodge of Odd Fellows since 1892, and aside from farming and home life he takes his recreation chiefly through an occasional hunting trip.

**WILLIAM W. WITT.** Some of the oldest and best known American names in Adams County are represented by William W. Witt, a resident of Quincy, but whose activities for many years have identified him with farming in the north part of the county and with extensive operations as a buyer and shipper of grain and live stock. In that business he is associated with his brother Samuel O. of Keene Township. William W. Witt has his farming and land interests in Houston Township, owning 160 acres of well improved land with a good set of farm buildings. The brothers have other lands in the county. For the past three years Mr. W. W. Witt has occupied a nice home at 2001 Hampshire Street in Quincy.

He was born in Houston Township of this county in 1869, and was reared and educated in the local schools. His experience since boyhood has largely consisted of farming and stock raising, and he early developed a special capacity and skill as a dealer in live stock.

His parents were George and Sarah A. (Thompson) Witt. His father was born in Adams County and the grandparents came here in early days from Virginia, locating in Houston Township and doing their part as pioneers. The grandparents were members of the Methodist Church, and both of them died in Houston Township. George Witt grew up in Houston Township and married his wife at LaBelle, Missouri. She was born there, where her people had located in the early days.

After their marriage George Witt and wife established a home of their own in Houston Township, and later took possession of his father's old estate. George Witt spent many industrious and profitable years in that locality and died when about sixty years of age. He owned one of the fine farms and had a leading position as a stock raiser and dealer for many years. The record of the children of George Witt and wife begins with George Emmett, who is now living in California. He is an inventor and manufacturer of a special type



of furnace for burning crude oil, and extensively used in ships and manufacturing plants. He is married, and his daughters are Blanche and Ina, both married, and Blanche has children of her own. Adelia, the second child in the family, is a graduate of Knox College and taught in Adams County and at Fresno, California, before her marriage to C. W. Vaughn. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn reside at Berkeley, California, and in connection with his brother-in-law Mr. Vaughn is in the real estate business. The next in age of the family is William W. Witt. Samuel O., above referred to as a business associate of William W., has one of the high class farms of Keene Township. He married for his first wife Nellie Tomas, of Adams County. She died at the age of twenty-seven, leaving one son, Roy B., who is now in special training for the war at the University of Illinois and has a non-commissioned rank. Samuel O. Witt married for his second wife Ruth Johnson, and has a son, Samuel O., Jr.

William W. Witt married in Keene Township Celia Andrews. She was born in Keene Township and was reared and educated there. Her grandfather was James Andrews and her father, William A. Andrews, both natives of Pennsylvania. William A. Andrews was born in Adams County, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1849, and was brought to Adams County, Illinois, by his parents in 1855. James Andrews located in Mendon Township, and he and his wife spent the rest of their lives there, dying at a good old age. They were members of the Lutheran Church. William Andrews grew up in Mendon Township, and married in Keene Township Sarah J. Wilcox. She was born in Mendon Township, daughter of Thomas and Jane Wilcox. Sarah Wilcox was born in 1851. Her father was a native of England and her mother of Ireland. They were married in Adams County, and were substantial farmers of Keene Township for many years, where they died in old age. They were members of the English Episcopal Church, and had eight children, five of whom are still living. William Andrews after his marriage located in Keene Township and acquired a valuable farm of ninety-six acres. He died there when only forty-seven years of age. He was a republican in politics. After his death his widow married Samuel H. McClung, and they are now living retired in Mendon Township. Mrs. Witt's mother is very active in church. William A. Andrews and wife had the following children: James T., born March 10, 1875, owns and occupies the old homestead in Keene Township and married Bertha Fletcher, of Mendon. Their children are: William, who is serving in the United States Navy on the battleship North Dakota, Fletcher, Celia, Grace and Paul. The only other child of William A. Andrews is Mrs. Witt.

Mr. and Mrs. Witt had four children: William Everett, who is attending the Gem City Business College; Sarah Vaughn, born in 1901, and a student in high school; Forest O., born in 1904, a freshman in the Quincy High School; and Clifford Seldon, born in 1909, a grade school pupil. Mr. Witt is a thirty-second degree Mason, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America at Loraine, and his brother Samuel is identified with the same fraternities. As a family they all are members of the Christian Church. Mrs. Witt is a member of the Eastern Star.

FREDERIC M. PENDLETON, M. D., has found the reward which goes with a long and active service in the profession of medicine. For over twenty years he has practiced at Quincy, and his fame has steadily grown and spread as a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Doctor Pendleton has a splendid suite of offices in the Sterns Building, and has every facility needed to supplement his skill and special experience in his line.

Doctor Pendleton represents an old American family that has been in this country for ten generations, going back to Major Brian Pendleton, who came from England and was a soldier in some of the early colonial wars. The heads of the subsequent generations were: Captain James; Joseph; William; Captain Joshua of the Revolutionary war; Joshua, Jr.; and Charles Pendleton,

grandfather of Doctor Pendleton. Charles Pendleton spent his life as a farmer and stock raiser in New York State. His son, Rev. Henry Pendleton, was born at Lansingburg, near Troy, New York, in 1832. He grew up there, acquired a good education, and in early life was a mechanic. He married Harriet Smith, who was born in the same place and in the same year, 1832. About 1860 the family moved to Minooka, Illinois, where his parents had spent a brief period in earlier years, and here the father engaged in the hardware business. He also studied for the Methodist ministry, and was licensed to preach and carried on the work in connection with the hardware business at Minooka, Illinois, until he was accidentally killed in a railroad wreck near there January 25, 1864. He was only thirty-two years when he died. His oldest daughter, Mary, died six months later. His widow passed away January 7, 1917, at the advanced age of eighty-five. Doctor Pendleton has two sisters: Mrs. Carrie J. Coop, of Oklahoma, mother of two married daughters; and Mrs. Lula C. Morgan, who lives at White Bluff, Tennessee, and has two daughters.

Doctor Pendleton spent his early years at Minooka, Illinois, attending high school there, and completed his education in the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington. From there he entered Rush Medical College at Chicago, where he completed his course in 1883. Doctor Pendleton was engaged in the general practice of medicine at Magnolia, Illinois, for eleven years. Realizing the greater value he could give to his services by specialization, he spent some time in the study of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and received his diploma in 1895. At that date he came to Quincy and since then has been the leading specialist in those diseases and the treatment of those organs. He is a member of the County, State and National Medical societies and is a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology.

May 22, 1884, Doctor Pendleton married Miss Almira Dirst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Dirst. She was born at Galena, Ohio, but was brought to Illinois when a child of five. After graduating from the high school at Minooka she attended school at Morris, Illinois, graduating from the Conservatory of Music there June 13, 1883. Mrs. Pendleton's mother, Ann Dustin Dirst, is a direct lineal descendant of the famous colonial heroine, Hannah Dustin, of Haverhill, Massachusetts, whose bravery is commented upon in every American school history. Mrs. Pendleton is also a direct descendant, in the eighth generation, of George Abbott, who emigrated from Yorkshire, England, about 1640, and was among the first settlers of Andover, Massachusetts. Mrs. Pendleton is at present the regent of the Dorothy Quincy Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Quincy, Illinois, and has been very prominent in this order for a number of years. She is also a member of "The Round Table," one of the oldest literary clubs of the city. Doctor and Mrs. Pendleton have two daughters. Nettie V., the older, is a graduate of Quincy High School and of Knox College at Galesburg, and is the wife of Kenneth Duncan, of Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Duncan is a teacher in the Chicago High School. They have two children, Donald and Ruth. Miriam, the younger daughter of Doctor and Mrs. Pendleton, is a graduate of the Quincy High School, who completed her education in the Illinois Woman's College and is now attending the Art Institute at Chicago.

Doctor Pendleton while exceedingly busy with the responsibilities of a large medical practice has done much as a leader in Masonry in Illinois. He is a past master of Lodge No. 103, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Magnolia and is past master of Bodley Lodge, No. 1, at Quincy. He has served as grand lecturer of the State Grand Lodge for several years.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER. One of the ancient admonitions to children was "to grow up and inherit the land and prove worthy of the inheritance." As a rule the young people of America, while willing to grow up and inherit their portion of the soil, have been rather disposed to leave the land and enjoy the proceeds thereof without reckoning whether their service make them worthy of the



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rewards they receive. Some honorable exceptions to this rule are, of course, found in every community and they deserve special emphasis.

Land that was cleared and cultivated by his grandfather and was owned by his father is now being capably managed and farmed by George W. Fletcher, one of the best known and most progressive citizens of Honey Creek Township. Mr. Fletcher's farm home is four miles northeast of Mendon. This is a very interesting locality in the noted Bear Creek Valley. The Fletchers made their settlement there more than three-quarters of a century ago. The founders of the family in this county were Charles and Eveline (Moore) Fletcher. Charles Fletcher was born in Ohio November 1, 1812, and his wife was born August 20, 1813. They lived in Southern Ohio for a number of years, but in 1842 came with wagons and teams to Western Illinois and bought land in section 4 of Honey Creek Township. The first home of the family was a log cabin 16 by 16 feet, and furnished with the rude and simple comforts of our forefathers. Charles Fletcher was a man of much enterprise, and selected this land largely because it contained an excellent mill site. Adjoining the mill stream he erected a two-story mill frame, operated first by water power and later by steam, and he installed machinery for a custom grist mill and also a saw mill. All the other farmers and grain raisers took their grist to the Fletcher mill, and the surplus was hauled by ox teams to market at Quincy. It was a very prosperous business for many years. About 1868 the mill was moved to Coatsburg, though the building was left largely as it was. After retiring from the milling business Charles Fletcher moved to Minnesota, locating at Worthington, but after a few years returned to Warsaw, Illinois, and died there in his ninetieth year. His wife passed away at the age of seventy-eight. He was a democrat in politics and served as township supervisor and in other township offices. Altogether he acquired some 600 or 700 acres of land, and operated it on an extensive scale as a farmer. A great many of the early homes and barns were built with lumber sawed at his mill. Charles Fletcher and wife had two sons, Joseph and Warren. Warren spent his life in several states and localities, part of the time in Missouri, also lived at Warsaw, and died at Mendon, where his son Arthur is the present postmaster. The daughters of Charles Fletcher and wife were: Hannah, who married John Shiver, and they lived on the old homestead some years, later going to Minnesota and finally to Missouri, where he died, and she is living in Warsaw, Illinois; Melvina, who has never married and lives at Warsaw; and Ellen, Mrs. George Van Valor, whose home is near Hamilton, Illinois.

There are few residents in Honey Creek Township and adjacent communities who do not have a grateful memory of the late Dr. Joseph Fletcher, whose life was distinguished by devoted services in his profession and who was also one of the upright and high principled citizens of Honey Creek nearly all his life. He was born in Clermont County, Ohio, February 6, 1834, and was about eight years old when brought to this county. He practically grew to manhood in the atmosphere of the Fletcher Mill, and worked at the milling trade from the age of fifteen until he was thirty. His big ambition, however, was to become a physician, and such time as he could spare from the mill he utilized in studying medical works and in 1864 entered the St. Louis Medical College, from which he graduated three years later. A well qualified physician, he was content to settle down in the old community and home of his father, and from there his services radiated out over the surrounding territory. He also lived at Mendon for a time, and for over forty years was in active practice. His professional work was largely done in the era before improved highways, telephones and automobiles, and he made most of his journeys on horseback. It is not known that he was ever deterred from making a professional journey on account of impending hardships incident to storm and bad roads. One time while fording a stream his horse became mired, and he got off to help the horse, saved the animal but lost his saddle bags and all his medicines and implements. He was especially successful in the treatment of typhoid fever cases. He was a well known and honored member of the County and State Medical societies. But his devotion to his

profession was never able to wean him from his love of the land and of agriculture, and he acquired most of the homestead owned by his father, including the old family residence. That home was built by Charles Fletcher about seventy years ago, and the lumber was cut at the Fletcher Mill. Doctor Fletcher served as township collector and supervisor, was a democrat and an active member of the Congregational Church.

His long and useful life came to a close September 26, 1910, at the age of seventy-six. On January 5, 1854, he married Elizabeth Hardy, who was born in Adams County December 11, 1832. Her parents were Baptist and Thamar (Patterson) Hardy, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of North Carolina. Baptist Hardy married in Tennessee, and in 1827 came to Mendon Prairie in Adams County. His name is associated with the very earliest pioneers of the county. In 1831 he moved to Keene Township, and lived there until his death July 22, 1873. His wife died August 11, 1876. All of the nine Hardy children grew to maturity. Baptist Hardy was a justice of the peace and was a man highly honored by his fellow citizens. On coming to Adams County and locating on the edge of the timber in Mendon Prairie he had as his nearest neighbors members of the Chittenden family and Joel Benton. The first night here the Hardy family slept on the ground, and their log house was furnished with a minimum of furniture, a dry goods box serving as a table. Baptist Hardy's living children are two sons, Frank, of Breckenridge, Illinois, and Baptist Henry, of Loraine. Mrs. Joseph Fletcher is the only surviving daughter.

Dr. Joseph Fletcher and wife had four children: Mary Ellen, wife of Thomas Hoyes, and they occupy part of the old Fletcher estate; George W.; Joseph Warren, who became a physician and died at Ursa at the age of thirty-eight; and Sarah Elizabeth, who died at the age of twenty-eight, the wife of Will Kells.

While there have not been many abnormal events to mark the career of George W. Fletcher, his life is significant for that very reason. He was born at Quincy October 23, 1857, and has spent practically his entire life on the old Fletcher homestead in Honey Creek Township. He has cultivated the land, has earned its fruits and has done something toward making the land and the community better for his presence. He owns 163 acres of the old estate, and is also operating other portions of the old farm. He is a mixed farmer, handling both livestock and grain crops, and while his energies have been concentrated upon farming he has served as school director, is an active member of the Congregational Church at Mendon, and has passed all the chairs of his lodge of Odd Fellows and has sat in the Grand Lodge.

October 18, 1877, Mr. Fletcher married Martha Gilmer, who was born in Keene Township, a daughter of William and Sarah (Hyatt) Gilmer, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher have two daughters: Emma is the wife of Dr. Thomas Triplett, who enjoys a successful dental practice at Salina, Kansas, and Nellie is the wife of Frank Nichols, a merchant at Long Beach, California.

**JUSTINIAN NATHAN HARRIS.** It is a familiar economic law that any improvement made to property by the owner redounds not only to his individual benefit, but to the benefit of the entire community. A good house, a substantial barn, good fences, well tilled fields, high class live stock, are all assets of a community, and they serve as stimulants toward bringing the general average up to the individual example. It is for this reason that the people of Adams County as a whole have some particular interest in the farm estate of Justinian Nathan Harris in Lima Township, in section 14. This farm, as many people are aware, lies six miles east of the Village of Lima, 4½ miles northwest of Loraine, and six miles north of Mendon.

Its owner and proprietor is familiarly known in that community as "General" Harris. He was born in Morgantown, Kentucky, April 8, 1853, and came when three or four years old to Illinois. His father, Dr. D. M. Harris, was born in Kentucky in 1827 and took up the study of medicine in 1847, graduating from St. Louis Medical College in 1850. After practicing in Ken-



tucky for a time he moved to Illinois in 1853, locating at Basco, then called Somerset. It was through his suggestion that the name of the community was changed to Basco. Three or four years later he moved to Iconium in Appanoose County, Iowa, and that village was named according to his suggestion. In 1859 he returned to Illinois and settled at Tioga in Hancock County, just north of the Adams County line, and practiced medicine over that community, including part of northern Adams County, for nearly forty years. He died at Tioga at the age of seventy-six. He also kept a drug store at Tioga for many years. Doctor Harris married Mary E. Thornton in 1851. She died in 1863. They had one son and three daughters: Justinian N., Crete, Arlie and Effie. Crete died unmarried, having always lived with her father. Arlie married Ira Woodworth, and they live in Grand Junction, Colorado. Effie married William Shipe and now lives at Elvaston in Hancock County.

Doctor Harris was a strong democrat and in early life a southern sympathizer. His old friends remembered him kindly not only for his services as a physician but also for his breadth of mind and great interest in everything that concerned humanity. He was better read than most physicians, and was well versed in history. He acquired a large amount of property in and around Tioga, including a number of village lots and about 400 acres of farm land. These farms he bestowed upon his children.

J. N. Harris grew up at Tioga and lived with his parents until he was thirty-two years of age. For one year he attended Christian University at Canton, Missouri. Even as a boy he took charge of the work of his father's farm, and managed the property and lived at home until he was thirty-two. At that age he married Miss Dora Conover, of Lima Township. Her father, Norris Conover, was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, December 29, 1831, and came with his parents in 1837 to Lima Township. He grew up there and in the spring of 1854 married Miss Sarah Bragg, daughter of Benjamin Bragg. The Braggs were one of the earliest settled families in Adams County. Norris Conover after his marriage located on a farm  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles west of Lima, and lived there forty years. He died about 1904 and his widow passed away in Quincy. Mrs. Harris was born on an adjoining farm and was twenty-six at the time of her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris in 1885 moved to their present farm. Mr. Harris had operated this land in conjunction with his brother-in-law, Ira Woodworth. All the land has been owned by Doctor Harris, and he built his son and his daughter each a house, the architecture being exactly similar. J. N. Harris had as his share of the farm 160 acres, and he has managed it for over thirty years. For two years he left the farm in charge of a renter while he lived at Mendon in Chariton County, Missouri. Mr. Harris has 280 acres in one body, though divided into farms, one of which is operated by his son. Mrs. Harris received a sixty acre interest in the old Conover estate. The Harris farm is operated on thorough business principles, and cattle and hogs are its chief product. The house which his father built Mr. Harris has extensively remodeled, and its general architectural plan is of the colonial style. It is a home that delights the eye and is built with a degree of permanence and comfort that few city homes excel. The interior finish is all of cypress, the wood everlasting, all the floors are laid double, the windows have bevel glass plate, there is furnace heat, and the opinion is frequently expressed that it is the finest house in the northern part of Adams County. The qualities which distinguish the home are also carried into the farm buildings proper. Mr. Harris is an extensive user of cement, and all his hog houses are constructed of that material, and he builds these houses suitable and adaptable both to hogs and cattle. Mr. Harris is a man who appreciates a home not only for its material comforts but for its general setting and atmosphere. The Harris house stands on a fine elevation, affording many wonderful views of the surrounding country. Mr. Harris among his farmer friends is conceded to be a thoroughly practical and business-like man, and it is not inconsistent with this character

that he takes a deep joy in the sunsets and cloud effects which may be viewed from his home. In his home life and in his farm activities he has found the best interests of life. He is a member of the Masonic Order and of the Christian Church of Loraine, and is a democrat, though he expresses his belief liberally and has never sought partisan honors.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris have two children: Norris and Ruby. The son Norris is an independent farmer on a portion of his father's place, his home being a quarter of a mile distant. He married Beatrice Fletcher, daughter of William Fletcher, of Lima and granddaughter of E. J. Vinson, of a well known family whose name frequently recurs in these pages. Mr. and Mrs. Norris Harris have one child, Eunice. Norris Harris finished his education with two years in the Illinois University. The daughter, Ruby, was educated in the schools of Loraine, but since the death of her mother, November 2, 1911, has had full charge of her father's home and studies and looks after his every comfort and item of welfare.

PATRICK HENRY BURNS. The place he owns, the extent of his acreage, its improvements and general management indicate that Mr. Burns is one of the leading farmers of Adams County. His farm is a mile south of Beverly Village in the township of that name and seven miles northeast of Barry. Mr. Burns is a comparative newcomer to Adams County, and is an example of a man who spent many years as a renter, farming other men's land. Since he laid the foundation of his prosperity in that way, he evidently was no ordinary farm tenant and renter.

Mr. Burns was born in New York City March 18, 1856, son of Henry and Mary Burns, both of whom were natives of County Down, Ireland. They were married in Ireland and came to the United States about 1851. When Patrick Henry was one year old his parents moved west to Walworth County, Wisconsin, and his father spent the rest of his life on a farm there. He died at the age of sixty-five. The mother of Patrick Henry died at the age of thirty-five, when her son was four years old. He grew up in the home of his stepmother, whose maiden name was Johanna O'Brien, a native of County Cork, Ireland.

He attended the local schools of Wisconsin and leaving home at the age of twenty-two moved to Henry County, Illinois, and worked there four years with one employer, named D. L. Murchison. As a farm hand he was paid \$20 a month the first year, \$16 the second year, \$22 the third year, and the fourth year he worked two months in the winter for his board and was paid \$24 a month for ten months. Combined with the qualities of good workmanship he had a saving disposition, and put away on the average of \$200 every year from his wages. Thus he had \$800 capital to start him. He farmed for himself one season before his marriage.

In 1883 Mr. Burns married Ida M. North, of Bureau County, Illinois. They then rented a large farm of 270 acres near Kewanee. After four years on that farm Mr. Burns went to Cheyenne County, Nebraska, and homesteaded, taking five years to prove up his claim. That was during the trying period, when the Nebraska settlers were beset by drought and nearly every other pestilence. His wife's health became impaired in Nebraska and he then went south to Oktibaha County, Mississippi. After one year he returned to Henry County, Illinois, and was again a renter there for seven years. He then went back to Mississippi, but spent only a year. His longest period of farming as a renter was done at Kewanee, Illinois, where he rented one place for sixteen years. Then in March, 1915, not liking the idea of paying \$250 an acre for land, the price of improved farms in Henry County, he came to Adams County and bought his present place at \$100 an acre. It is the old John Penny farm, containing 235 acres. Mr. Burns has since bought another forty acres, giving him 275 acres of his own, and with eighty acres leased he has operated on an extensive scale. He built a new modern home, with all conveniences, with hot and cold water, Delco lighting system and every facility for comfort and con-



venience. He has also built a stone silo and is one of the leading stock growers and feeders in the county. He keeps Duroc Jersey hogs, marketing from 100 to 130 every year. He also feeds cattle and sheep. All of Mr. Burns' interests are centered on the farm. While living in Nebraska he served a term as county commissioner, and he cast his first vote for General Grant but ever since has been a democrat. However, he is liberal in politics and frequently votes for the man rather than for the party.

Mr. Burns lost his first wife April 9, 1904. June 15, 1905, he married Jennie I. (Fell) Murchison. She was born near Toulon in Stark County, Illinois, and grew up on a farm there. Her first husband was Clarence Murchison, who died in Iowa. She has two sons by that union: Edwin A., who volunteered for the army in June, 1917, and trained at Camp Logan; and David L., still at home.

Mr. Burns during the life of his first wife adopted a daughter, Bessie V., in infancy, and she lived with him until her marriage to Orlando Dye. Mr. and Mrs. Dye now live at Kewanee, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Burns have three children, all of school age, named Helen, Robert and William. Mr. and Mrs. Burns are devoted to their home and family. His only fraternal affiliation is with the Improved Order of Red Men. Mrs. Burns was reared in the Congregational Church and was one of the active workers in the church, being a teacher in the Sunday School and was also an active member of the Christian Endeavor. She became a member of the Methodist Church of Beverly, Illinois, in March, 1917.

**JOHN W. MYERS.** One of the prominent and influential citizens of Quincy, who has long been active in business affairs, is John W. Myers, president of the Reliable Incubator and Brooder Company, and alderman from the Sixth Ward.

John W. Myers was born at Novelty, Missouri, January 17, 1861. His parents were Alva O. and Elisus (Bliss) Myers. The mother was born in New York, and died during the infancy of her son, John W. The father located in Missouri in the early '50s and during the Civil war served as quartermaster in the Third Missouri Cavalry. After coming to Quincy he became well known in the building trades, and was a building contractor for many years. His death occurred in this city when he was eighty-one years old. John W. was the youngest of his parents' four children, the others being: A daughter who died in childhood; Clarence A., who is a resident of Chicago; and Edward C., who died at Centralia, Illinois, where he was railroad yardmaster. The father was a second time married, and by the last union had a son and daughter, Frank and Nettie.

John W. Myers was quite young when his parents located at Quincy. He attended the public schools and at an unusually early age began to be self-supporting, finding his first work as a bell boy in the old Quincy Hotel. He then learned candy-making, and at this trade worked for seventeen years and three months for the confectionery firm of Clark & Morgan, and was regarded by the house as one of the best salesmen. In the meanwhile he had become quietly interested in the poultry business, and then in the incubator and brooder business, beginning in a small way in his own barn, and as his interest grew he determined to go into the business more extensively, resulting in his rental of a four-story building on Fourth Street for the purpose. As his poultry yards increased Mr. Myers became more and more interested in the use and manufacture of incubators, his first venture in the incubator business being with the Reliable in 1893, with his brother Clarence.

Mr. Myers then resigned his position with Clark & Morgan and turned his talents, his energy and capital into the incubator business. The Reliable machine proved a success and Mr. Myers' business judgment has long since been thoroughly vindicated. In 1896 the Reliable Incubator and Brooder Company lost their building by fire, but on the same night new quarters were secured under a five-year lease. A factory was built on Second and Vermont streets



on a ten-year lease. In 1908 the company erected a building with dimensions of 273 by 90 feet, with an ell of 50 by 90 feet, of stone construction, two stories in height. Plans are under way for the erection of a new factory that will give not less than 35,000 feet of floor space, at Twenty-eighth and Chestnut streets, the old factory having been sold to the Moorman Stock Food Company. The Reliable incubators are sold all over the world and Mr. Myers has patents covering points of manufacture. Since these incubators were exhibited at the World's Fair, Chicago, they have received the highest honors at all poultry shows in the United States. Much of the success of this business must be credited to the good judgment and perseverance of Mr. Myers.

Mr. Myers was married February 21, 1885, to Miss Agnes E. Reynolds, who was born at Quincy, Illinois, and they have had eight children born to them, namely: Mable, who is the widow of F. E. Rupp, of Quincy; Lillian E., who is the wife of Edward Skinner, of Quincy; Margaret E., who is the wife of William Browner, of Quincy; Agnes, who is deceased; and John, Frederick, Edmund and Lawrence, all of Quincy and attending high school and college.

In politics Mr. Myers is a republican. On numerous occasions he has been chosen for party promotion, but being a very busy man he has accepted few honors of a political nature, although at present the Sixth Ward is profiting through his business ability and judicious citizenship. He is a member of the Rotary Club, and fraternally is identified with the Elks, the Woodmen of the World and Modern Woodmen of America.

**SAMUEL H. BRADLEY.** Around the name Bradley has centered many of those activities and influences which have given strength and character to the community of Mendon. The Bradleys are a family of leaders, were among the first to build churches, support schools, uphold law and order, in addition to the routine tasks of the pioneer involving the clearing of the forests, the draining of the swamps, and the supplying of business facilities.

It is necessary to go back into the dim pioneer past, more than eighty-five years, to note the first arrivals of the Bradley family in this county. The heads of the family were Samuel and Elizabeth Bradley, who both had the same family name and were distantly related, being descendants of Isaac Bradley, who came from England to America in 1674 and settled at New Haven, Connecticut, in 1683. Daniel Bradley, grandfather of Samuel H. Bradley, served as a patriot soldier of the Revolution, and a diary which he kept during part of his service is still carefully preserved by his descendants.

In 1831 Samuel and Elizabeth Bradley left their old home in Connecticut, and after a long journey fraught with many hardships reached Adams County, and in the spring of 1832 bought land two miles west of the present Village of Mendon. Samuel Bradley was one of the leaders in a notable colony of New England people, which included also Col. John B. Chittenden. They brought with them their New England sturdiness of character and their devotion to religion, and it was at a little log cabin of Samuel Bradley that the first meeting was held February 7, 1833, for the organization of a Congregational Church in Mendon. This church organization was finally effected in the home of Colonel Chittenden February 20th of the same year. Thus was established one of the oldest Congregational churches in Illinois, and one of the most important centers of religious activity in Adams County. The Bradley family have always been keenly interested in this church, and the late Samuel H. Bradley was a liberal contributor in time and money to the building of the recent church edifice.

Samuel and Elizabeth Bradley when they came to Illinois were accompanied by their five children, Daniel, Charlotte, Sarah, Elizabeth and Grace Ann. Charlotte was born February 23, 1808, and died February 9, 1897. Sarah was born February 15, 1815, and died March 20, 1903. Elizabeth was born September 12, 1817, and died November 23, 1892, the wife of John L.

Arnold. Grace Ann, the youngest daughter, was born February 15, 1820, and married Marvin B. Harrison, by whom she had two children, Marvin B. and Henry S. Mrs. Harrison died a few years ago.

The only son of Samuel and Elizabeth Bradley was Daniel Bradley, who was born at East Haven, Connecticut, in 1810, and had just reached his majority when he accompanied the family on its westward migration to Adams County. He bought land adjoining his father's farm on the west and made it his home until the spring of 1852, when he moved to the Village of Mendon. There he became one of the leading merchants, and in the spring of 1866 bought an interest in the flouring mill later known as the Pearl Mill of Mendon. He was principal owner of that mill at the time of his death, which occurred January 26, 1867. In his character Daniel Bradley has been described and is remembered by some of the older residents of Adams County as a man of strict integrity, honorable in all his transactions, acting always from principle rather than policy, generously benevolent and public spirited, and seizing every opportunity to encourage and assist in enterprises that would advance the true interests of the community. He began voting as a whig, later was stanchly allied with the free soil party and in 1854 attended the famous Bloomington Convention which organized the republican party in Illinois. He returned from the convention and took an active part in organizing the party in Adams County. In 1834 he united with the Congregational Church at Mendon, and was one of its most active supporters and faithful workers the rest of his life.

In 1834 Daniel Bradley married Miss Josephine Brown, a native of Rensselaer County, New York, and daughter of Daniel and Hulda (Tanner) Brown. She was a direct descendant of Stephen Hopkins, who came over in the Mayflower in 1620 and was one of the signers of the Mayflower compact. Mrs. Daniel Bradley was a niece of Jeremiah Rose and Rufus Brown, both of whom were among the earliest settlers of Quincy. Rufus Brown for a number of years kept the log hotel which later became the Quincy House, and was finally supplanted by the Newcomb. It was in this pioneer tavern that Miss Josephine Brown lived from 1831 to 1834, when she married Daniel Bradley and went to live in their log cabin on the prairie. She was also of Revolutionary ancestry, having had two grandfathers in the colonial army. Mrs. Daniel Bradley died April 10, 1896, at the age of ninety years.

The children of Daniel Bradley and wife were seven in number: Sarah, born August 23, 1836, married W. W. Benton, of Mendon, and died August 7, 1866. The second in the family is Samuel H. Bradley. Ellen, born November 14, 1840, is now the only survivor of her generation living at Mendon. She made her home with her mother and brother Samuel and is still occupied at the old homestead where she has lived since 1876, the house having replaced one that was destroyed by wind and which occupied the site of the family home established in 1856. Augustus C. Bradley was born October 1, 1842, and died August 29, 1859. Amelia, born January 29, 1846, died in infancy. Josephine B., born June 11, 1847, is a resident of Galesburg, Illinois, and married in 1868 E. S. Kimball. She has two children, Edith B. Kimball, who was born March 16, 1874, married December 6, 1899, George M. Strain, and has two children, George Bradley Strain and Josephine Brown Strain. Daniel B. Kimball, born December 1, 1878, married December 23, 1903, Laura E. Dolbear. They have one daughter, Florence. Daniel B. Kimball is now a major in the Quartermaster's Department of the United States army. Daniel A. Bradley, the youngest of the family, was born February 26, 1855, and died at McPherson, Kansas, in 1905. He married November 29, 1876, Laura Young daughter of Dr. Peter and Caroline V. (Miller) Young. Doctor Young is now deceased and his widow and daughter, Miss Bradley, live at Mendon.

Samuel H. Bradley, who was born in Mendon Township October 11, 1838, and died March 3, 1913, possessed and exemplified many of the splendid vir-



tues of his ancestors, and his life meant much to his native county. As a young man he was associated with his father in the store and in 1866 became partner in the milling business, and he gradually extended his enterprise until he was one of the chief dealers in grain, coal and other products in that part of Adams County. He continued a grain merchant until his death.

Samuel H. Bradley should be especially remembered as the first volunteer from Mendon sworn into the United States service on Lincoln's first call following the fall of Fort Sumter. He enlisted in April, 1861, under Gen. B. M. Prentiss as a member of Company A under Capt. John Tillson in the Tenth Illinois Infantry. Later he was first sergeant of Company A, under Capt. Henry A. Castle, in the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Infantry, under the command of Col. John Wood. For many years Mr. Bradley was an honored member of Mendon Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

He was also active in public affairs, and for eighteen years was a member of the board of supervisors. For fourteen years that service was consecutive until he resigned in June, 1904. He was an uncompromising republican in politics, and rendered many services to his party. For all the activities that made him a public character he was modest and had few ambitions to satisfy beyond the rendering of service conscientiously and to the extent of his ability. He stood high in Masonry, being affiliated with Mendon Lodge No. 449, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Mendon Chapter No. 57, Royal Arch Masons; was a district deputy grand master; was a member of El Aksa Commandery No. 55, Knights Templar, at Quincy, and Mendon Chapter No. 153, Eastern Star.

CHARLES H. WITTLER. There are a number of men in Adams County whose careers might be taken as an illustration of the truth that it is not lack of opportunity or any quality of political or social conditions, or any other ordinary practice, that stand in the way of successful accomplishment. One of these is Charles H. Wittler, of Ellington Township, who has raised himself into the class of independent farm owners though he began life with practically no capital and has shown a degree of enterprise, initiative and good judgment that are sure to reward any man who keeps working steadily along one line.

Mr. Wittler has a farm of eighty acres in section 9 of Ellington Township. It is all improved except a ten acre woodlot. He has fields that produce corn, wheat and oats, clover and timothy, has a large stock and grain barn 36 by 42, and other outbuildings, and his home is a very comfortable two-story, twelve-room brick house. This is the only farm Mr. Wittler ever owned. He bought it in 1909 from Harry Morton, now living in Quincy. Many of the improvements have been made under Mr. Wittler's ownership, and it is with well justified pride that he views his accomplishments. He is a stock man, keeping Hereford cattle, and also good horses and hogs. His neighbors esteem Mr. Wittler not only for his material accomplishments but also for his high moral ideals, his record as an honest, fair dealing gentleman, and those qualities have given him a reputation all over that part of the county.

Mr. Wittler is a son of the late John Frederick William Wittler, whose career is rehearsed on other pages. He was born in Ellington Township March 10, 1879, and attended the old Washington School District. Mr. Wittler is an all around genius in mechanical lines, and that of course has been a big factor in his success as a farmer. He is a good painter, and has the ability to repair practically all his own machinery.

On November 23, 1904, in Quincy, he married Miss Sarah E. Allen. She was born near Carthage, Illinois, September 4, 1883, but grew up in Ellington Township and also attended the Washington schools. She has lived in Adams County since she was four years of age. She was three years old when her father died, and her mother afterward married O. C. Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are now retired farmers in the Village of Columbus, both active members of the Christian Church and Mr. Miller is a republican. Mrs. Wittler has



two brothers, Charles and Clarence, the former a farmer in Honey Creek Township and has three children, Virginia, Helen and Otis. Her brother Clarence is a rural mail carrier out of Coatsburg, and is married and has a daughter, Dorothy. Mrs. Wittler's mother by her second marriage has several children: Cyrus Miller, who is married and has two children; Elmer, a widower with two sons; Elizabeth, wife of Jack Easton, of Galesburg, Illinois, and mother of two sons; and Lawrence Miller, who works for Mr. Wittler.

Mr. and Mrs. Wittler are the parents of three young children: Irma Viola, born October 14, 1905, now in the sixth grade of the public schools; Eleanor Flora, born May 15, 1909, a student in the fifth grade; and Richard Charles, born August 4, 1915. The family are members of the Ellington Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Wittler is a democrat.

**FRED SCHRADER.** As a practical man of affairs there is no better known resident in Liberty Township than Fred Schrader, whose home is on a farm  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles southwest of Liberty Village. Mr. Schrader is doubtless most widely known over Adams County because of his extensive operations as a thresherman. He knows the threshing business in every detail, and has handled and used almost every type of outfit since the flail and threshing floor yielded to power machinery for separating grain from the straw.

Mr. Schrader was born in Melrose Township February 2, 1854. His father, Theodore Schrader, a native of Germany, came to Adams County when a young man and married Barbara Wolf, daughter of Jacob Wolf. They then settled on the Wolf farm and Theodore eventually bought it. He died there when about forty years of age. He and his wife had four children: Frederick, Jacob, Henry and Sophia. Barbara Schrader afterwards married William Manigold.

Fred Schrader remained at home to the age of twenty-six. From the age of seventeen he had an active experience in threshing for twenty years. He was first associated with his father, and at the age of twenty-three he bought a half interest in an outfit, and later conducted it with his stepfather and brother. The first outfit he ever owned was horsepower, and he wore out several machines, and always bought the most improved type. His field of operations covered all of Melrose and Fall Creek townships, and he threshed grain up and down the river bottoms for miles. For seven years Mr. Schrader lived on a rented farm in Richfield Township. After he was married he lived three years in Richfield Township, then moved to Liberty Township on the Butts place, and lived there seven years. His health becoming impaired, he lived a year near Liberty, and then bought a small place near that village. Six years ago he bought his present farm, the Wash Enlow farm of seventy-five acres. On this farm he has reconstructed all the buildings, has a large new hay barn, and has every improvement needed for comfort and business efficiency. He raises some high grade live stock. Mr. Schrader has never been an office seeker, though he served as a member of the school board at Liberty. He is a democrat.

At the age of twenty-seven he married Miss Caroline Neumann of Richfield Township. She was four years his junior. Their oldest child, Cina, who died at the age of twenty-two, was a music teacher and played the organ in the Liberty Lutheran Church. Harry is a resident of Burton Township and by his marriage to Pearl Whitman has two children, Grace and Elsie. Louis, at home, married Ethel Fusselman and has three children, Merel, Floyd and Cloyd, the last two being twins. Lottie married James Rice and has one child, Gladys. The family are members of the Lutheran Church at Liberty.

**EDWARD HOPKE** is a native of Adams County, has spent his life here as a successful agriculturist, and his work as a business man, his relations as a citizen and in all other respects have brought him a wealth of community esteem, which he enjoys as a resident of Riverside Township.

He was born July 4, 1855, fourth in a family of six children, five sons and one daughter, born to Frederick and Lovina (Dusterhaus) Hopke. Five of their children are still living, all residents of Adams County except Fred, a retired farmer in Schuyler County.

Frederick Hopke, the father, was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1844. Two years later he located in Adams County. He was then a young man, and had come to America on a sailing vessel. He responded to the call of patriotism in behalf of his adopted land and enlisted as a soldier in the Mexican war. After getting his honorable discharge he went to work as a wage earner at Quincy, and his frugality and industry brought him a successful status as a farmer. He bought eighty acres of land in Ellington Township, and lived there until his death on July 20, 1876. His last resting place is marked by a monument in Woodland Cemetery. He and his wife were active members of the Salem Lutheran Church. His wife was born near the City of Berlin, and was a young woman when she embarked on a vessel which after eleven weeks of sailing brought her to New Orleans. From there she came up the Mississippi to Quincy. She always recalled that voyage up the river, since the steamboat frequently could make no headway against the current and had to be towed by a horse. Her death occurred July 11, 1882.

Mr. Edward Hopke grew up and attended the schools of Adams County and since reaching his mature years has been an agriculturist. His knowledge of farming conditions here covers a period of over forty years. On May 24, 1883, he married Miss Pauline Oblander. Two sons and two daughters were born to their marriage, both daughters now deceased. The sons are Edgar George and Arthur A. Edgar G. had a common school education, a business course in the National Business College and the City Business College, and is now employed in the civil service at Denver, Colorado. He married Mabel Fultz, and their two children are Bettie and Leon. Edgar is a republican, and he and his wife are members of the Christian Science Church. The son Arthur has for eleven years been connected with the examiner's office in the civil service department at St. Louis. He married Miss Mary Super, and their son, Daniel Arthur, is a young stenographer.

Mrs. Hopke was born at Quincy October 11, 1861, daughter of Andrew and Vesselonia (Busman) Oblander. Her father was a native of Baden, Germany, and came to the United States as a young man. He was educated both in the German and English languages, and followed the trade of wagon maker. He died March 5, 1900. He and his wife were members of the Swedenborgian Church. His wife was a native of Friesland, Holland, and was a small girl when she came to the United States. For six years she lived in New Orleans and from there came to Quincy. She is still living at the age of eighty-two, bright and active, and makes her home with her two children, Catherine and Fred, in Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Hopke was third in a family of nine children, four sons and five daughters, but the only ones still living besides herself are her brother and sister in Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Hopke was educated in the common schools. Mr. and Mrs. Hopke have one of the good country homes, situated a mile from the city limits.

In politics Mr. Hopke is independent and votes for the man rather than the party. His official service has been done as road commissioner and six years as school director. He is a member of the Memorial Lutheran Church at Quincy. Mrs. Hopke is a member of the Ladies' Aid Union Society and the Missionary Society of the same church, but much inclined towards the faith of the Christian Science.

THOMAS T. LAWLESS. A citizen whose record has an appropriate place in every history of Adams County was that of the late Thomas T. Lawless, who bore an unsullied reputation as a man and citizen, was an honored veteran of the Union army in the Civil war, and for many years was a successful and prosperous farmer.







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He was born in Grant County, Kentucky, March 21, 1834, of old Virginia stock. His parents were John and Margaret (Skirvin) Lawless. When their son Thomas was two years of age, in 1836, the family came to Adams County, making the journey with teams and wagons and settling as pioneers in Gilmer Township. There John Lawless bought a tract of Government land near the Mount Pleasant Church, erected the usual log cabin, and he and his family lived with all the simplicity and with many of the hardships of pioneer existence. John and his wife died there, he in 1865 about the close of the Civil war, and she in 1868. Both were of the Baptist faith.

Thomas T. Lawless was one of ten children. As he grew to manhood he saw much of the development which was changing his locality from a frontier into settled peace and industry. He had to work hard from early boyhood and managed to get in a few terms of school in the log schoolhouses of that day. Before he was twenty he set out on his own account and drove an ox team across the plains to California. For four years he was in that country of romance and adventure, working as a gold miner, and then returned to the States across the Isthmus. With what he had accumulated in California he bought land and settled down to a successful career as a farmer. From this quiet vocation he was called by the march of armed forces to put down the rebellion. In 1862 he enlisted in the Seventy-Eighth Illinois Infantry, one of the chief regiments recruited from Adams County. He served as a private, and participated in the Grand Review at Washington at the close of the war and was mustered out in that city in June, 1865. He was in many battles, including that of Missionary Ridge, where he was captured by the enemy. He spent many months enduring the hardships of a southern prison. For a time he was kept at Richmond, but his chief place of imprisonment was the notorious Andersonville, where he suffered many of the agonies so often recounted in stories of that place.

On returning to Adams County Mr. Lawless resumed his occupation as a farmer and later bought the 160 acres in section 12 of Gilmer Township which now bears the many evidences of his careful and judicious handling and cultivation. That was his home for twenty-five years and he died February 28, 1897. He was a republican and held several minor offices.

In December, 1872, in Burton Township, he married Miss Ann M. Ferguson. Mrs. Lawless was born in Burton Township April 11, 1846, and obtained her education there. She still owns and operates the home farm, with the aid of her son. She is a daughter of John and Emily J. (Pollock) Ferguson, natives of Ohio, but married in Edina, Missouri. They had a farm in Burton Township, and lived there until their death when past eighty years of age. During their last years they were members of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Lawless' father was a whig and republican. Mrs. Lawless has a brother Russell, a farmer in Burton Township, married and with three daughters. Clara, her sister, is the wife of James Lawless, a farmer in Gilmer Township, and has a family of five sons and two daughters. Her sister Helen is the widow of Dr. David Landon, who was at one time a physician to the Soldiers' Home and died in Liberty Township. Mrs. Landon has a daughter.

Mrs. Lawless is the mother of three sons. John Y., the oldest, lives on a farm near his mother's place. He married Nellie Wagner, and their daughters are Ethel R. and Hazel J. Frank Lawless now operates the home farm for his mother. Howard is an elevator manager and livestock dealer at Lorraine in Adams County. He married Mary Grubb, of Liberty Township, and has a daughter, Helen J., born in 1914. The family are all members of the Methodist Church.

THEODORE HELHAKE. Quincy produced in the modern generation few business men of higher standing and of more solid achievement on the score of individual effort than the late Theodore Helhake, upon whose career death set an untimely seal October 10, 1918. In the commercial life of the city he was gen-

erally recognized as one of Quincy's most active, most enterprising, most thoroughly loyal young citizens. A native of Quincy, here he grew to manhood. Here he commenced his business career that in a few short years placed him in the forefront of the most prominent and successful merchants. Here were his interests and here he died in the very years when his usefulness was beginning to be fully appreciated.

In his passing there was sincere sorrow throughout the community. To many homes he had been a generous benefactor. It is said of him that he had never refused a worthy appeal, but the extent of his benefactions will never be known so quietly were they bestowed. The modesty that characterized his daily life marked his helpfulness to those about him. His affection for children was proverbial. To the little ones in the orphan homes he was a personal friend and to him a child in need made an appeal not to be denied.

Born in Quincy, June 11, 1883, Theodore Helhake was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William O. Helhake and a grandson of Theodore Duker. He attended St. Boniface School and later a school in St. Louis and at the age of twenty began his business career as a clerk in the store of the Miller Shoe Company, in this city. In a few years his abilities secured his promotion to the position of manager, and there were probably few details of the shoe business which were not a part of his intimate knowledge and experience. C. B. Miller, of Columbia, Missouri, had organized the company in 1902, the store being located at 515 Maine Street. In 1913 Mr. Miller and Mr. Helhake took up all of the stock of the company, the title being changed to the Miller, Helhake Shoe Company, and the large four-story building at 506 Maine Street was purchased for the rapidly increasing business two years later. In 1916 Mr. Helhake became the sole owner of the business with the exception of a few shares of stock in the company retained by Mr. Miller. At the time of his death this progressive young business man was conducting one of the largest establishments in his line in western Illinois.

Mr. Helhake married June 3, 1908, Lenore E. Barnett, a native of Oakland, California. He was affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Travelers Protective Association, the Chamber of Commerce and was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. (Written by D. F. Wilcox at request of Mrs. Helhake.)

ERDE W. BEATTY is now in his third consecutive term as clerk of the Circuit Court of Adams County. Mr. Beatty is one of the busiest men around the courthouse at Quincy, and everyone who has dealings with his office understands his thorough technical and business qualifications for his job. Mr. Beatty is a native of Adams County, and his record is that of one of the best citizens of Quincy.

He was born at Quincy May 11, 1859. His parents, Thomas and Sarah (Owens) Beatty, were also natives of Adams County, where their respective families were established in pioneer times. Thomas Beatty was a blacksmith and carriage maker by trade and a great many years ago established a business at the corner of Twelfth and Hampshire streets on the present site of the Beatty Automobile Company. He was an industrious worker, an honest and competent citizen, and although he died in March, 1891, his name is still remembered and cherished in the community. His widow is still living at Quincy. They had ten children: Erde W.; John E., of Kahoka, Missouri; Mary E., instructor of art in the Quincy High School; Thomas M., head of the Beatty Automobile Company of Cleveland; Isaac C., who died in March, 1903; Anna M., who died in 1894; Helen S., a teacher in the public schools of Quincy; George F., who died in August, 1903; James P., now captain of the One Hundred and Twenty-Third Machine Gun Company, formerly a part of the Fifth Illinois Infantry, stationed at Fort Logan, Houston, Texas; Harry C., a resident of Los Angeles, California. Captain Beatty saw service overseas. He received special mention in the leading newspapers of England and America



as a hero: "Captain Beatty Rescues Nurses on the Warilda. Wounded and Ill With Pneumonia, But a Hero in Rescuing Survivors. The Warilda was sunk in the English Channel August 3, 1918; he saved the Waack Nurses."

Erde W. Beatty grew up in Quincy, attended the public schools, and as a boy worked with his father in the shop. He also acquired a boyhood experience in the grocery business. In 1879, at the age of twenty, he was appointed engineer of the city waterworks, and held that office for six years. Following this for a short time he was connected with the paper mills and then for eleven years kept books for Peter H. Meyer, the well known building contractor. Mr. Beatty had his first experience in public affairs as deputy assessor, and was elected city treasurer, ex officio town collector of Quincy, Illinois, for two years. He was next appointed in charge of the Quincy Manufacturers' Exhibit at the World's Fair at St. Louis, and then spent a year on the road selling hardware and stoves. Mr. Beatty then assisted in organizing the Quincy Transfer Company, but was called from that business to work with the city assessor in making the first quadrennial assessment of real estate in the city.

Whether in private or public business Mr. Beatty had exhibited such qualifications that when his name was presented to the voters of Adams County in November, 1908, as candidate for the office of Circuit Court clerk there was no hesitation in his generous endorsement and his election. He was re-elected in 1912 and again in 1916, and it is the generally accepted opinion throughout Adams County that the affairs of the office were never in better hands.

Mr. Beatty is a democrat in politics. He is a Mason and a member of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm of the Master Masons Grotto, was one of the first local members of the Modern Woodmen of America, belongs to the Woodmen of the World, the Loyal Americans of the Republic, and for twenty-one years served as vestryman in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Protestant Episcopal, and is now its senior warden.

October 19, 1893, Mr. Beatty married Anna C. Wild, a native of this city. They have two children: Edward Corbyn Obert, born in August, 1894; and Sarah Margaret, born in July, 1897. The son is now first lieutenant of Company H., Three Hundred Forty-First Infantry, National Army, and now in service overseas, being in the Third Provisional Regiment. He is one of the original officers of the Eighty-Sixth Division, known in Chicago and abroad as the "Black-Hawk Bunch."

MAURICE E. GRAFF is one of the live young men of Beverly, is a general merchant there and is also assistant cashier of the Beverly State Bank.

He was born in the Village of Liberty in this county October 9, 1890, son of George S. and Anna (Kuntz) Graff. His mother is still living in Liberty. His father died in January, 1905, at the age of forty-seven. He was born in Liberty Township, a son of Paul and Jane Graff. George S. Graff during most of his active life had a harness shop at Liberty. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church and was affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Maurice E. Graff, only child of his parents, spent his boyhood at home and attended the local schools. At the age of fifteen he went to work at his father's trade, and later took over the business and conducted it until 1917. In that year he entered the bank at Liberty and was sent to Beverly as assistant cashier of the Beverly Bank, formerly a branch of the Liberty Bank. Then in 1919 he became one of the incorporators of the Beverly State Bank and is now its assistant cashier. On February 11, 1918, he broadened his enterprise by buying the W. E. Inslee general store at Beverly and continued that. He has also been associated with Steve Lawless and others in several business ventures in this part of the county. Mr. Graff still owns his store and shop building at Liberty.

He is a republican voter, is an official of the Modern Woodmen of America.

is a past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Liberty, and is also a member of Liberty Lodge of Masons. He takes keen interest in all outdoor sports and is an enthusiastic hunter. On September 22, 1915, Mr. Graff married Miss Elma Clary, of Liberty Township.

NEAL E. MONROE is vice president of Monroe Color & Chemical Company, one of the large industries today of America, and a business that in two years has developed the great plant at Quincy. The company is one of the larger color manufacturers in the United States. The executive officers of the corporation are: Edmond N. Monroe, president; his son Neal E. Monroe, vice president; S. H. Jackson, vice president; L. P. Bonfoey, vice president; and R. W. Jackson, secretary and treasurer. The company at Quincy manufactures products that are technically known to the trade under the following names: "Direct Union Colors, H. Acid, Benzidine Base, Dinitrobenzol, Metaphenylenediamine and other Intermediates."

The Quincy branch of the business is located on the North Bottom Road, adjacent to the Burlington tracks. The company has done much to develop and manufacture special dyes, largely along the lines of new processes, and these dyes have an extensive use in textile manufactures. The Quincy business employs from forty to forty-five people, including four graduate chemists who are in the experimental department and constantly improving various types of dyes manufactured from coal tar products. This is one of the companies that is endeavoring with a large degree of success to supply the deficiency in dye stuffs made by the war.

Neal E. Monroe learned the drug and dye business under his father, E. N. Monroe. He was born at Unionville, Missouri, May 11, 1888, is a graduate of the high school there, later graduated from the Morgan Park Academy at Chicago, and completed his education in law at the Missouri State University. Instead of becoming a lawyer he became associated with his father in business, and is now giving all his time to the manufacture of dyes and chemicals. He has been a vice president of the company for the last six years. Mr. Monroe is the oldest living son and the second child of his parents.

He married Miss Mary Bert, a Quincy girl, who was born here in 1893 and was educated in the city schools and the University of Chicago. She is a daughter of Harry Bert and a granddaughter of John L. Bert. The Bert family were prominent early settlers of Quincy and as a family they have long been identified with the Unitarian Church. Mr. Monroe was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian Church and is a republican voter. He and his wife have one daughter, Nancy Ann, born December 5, 1914.

GEORGE A. HENDRICKS is one of the keenly alert and successful business men of Adams County, and has a host of loyal personal friends always ready to express their confidence in any movement which he leads. Mr. Hendricks is now devoting much of his time to the office of cashier of the Beverly State Bank, which was opened for business January 1, 1919, with a capital of \$12,000. The president of the bank is Steve Lawless. The directors are H. G. Henry, John G. Sykes, S. D. Moore, George A. Hendricks and Steve Lawless. This bank succeeds the Beverly Bank, which was a branch of the Bank of Liberty.

Mr. Hendricks was born in Richfield Township of Adams County November 9, 1869, son of William and Elizabeth (Sparks) Hendricks. He was only an infant when his father died, leaving the widowed mother and two children. The daughter, Mary, now lives with her mother at Beverly Village. George A. Hendricks on account of the early death of his father came face to face with the serious circumstances and responsibilities of life when most boys are in school. He lived with his mother in Richfield Township and received most of his schooling there. At the age of twelve he went to work as a farm hand, and for several years he was never paid more than \$15 per month. He worked for one man four or five years, with several advances in salary. He



made every possible effort to save something from his income, and it was this saving disposition and methodical and industrious habits which laid the secure basis for his later prosperity. He finally began farming as a renter and he boarded or kept bachelor's hall for himself until his marriage at the age of twenty-six. After his marriage he rented land three years longer and then bought his first farm and has ever since been a land owner. He has owned several farms and every one has been improved for the better.

Mr. Hendricks has been a resident of Beverly Township for the past fifteen years. He sold one good farm of 120 acres here but still retains 200 acres. For twelve years he has been well known as an auctioneer and has cried public sales, farm auctions and real estate sales over this and adjoining counties. In this way he has gathered a large acquaintance, and as a result of his work as an auctioneer the custom has grown up to call him "Colonel," a popular title which Mr. Hendricks is careful to explain means no army record.

As a farmer he has been a feeder of cattle and hogs, and has prospered in spite of some exceptional reverses. In August, 1917, his large barn filled with hay, grain and other supplies and nearby sheds were consumed by fire entailing an aggregate loss over insurance of fully \$1,500. In the fire a new automobile was also burned. Mr. Hendricks has one of the neat homes of Beverly Village, and it is a center of hospitality to his numerous friends.

One of the invincible proofs of his personal popularity came when he was elected and served three consecutive years as supervisor of Beverly Township. He was elected a democrat in one of the few strongholds of the republican party in Adams County, where the normal republican majority is very large, and a democrat must indeed have unusual qualifications to get elected. Mr. Hendricks is present precinct committeeman of his party. He has served as consul for the Modern Woodmen of America and is a member of the Masonic Order at Kingston. He is active in the Methodist Church at Beverly and served some years as superintendent of the Sunday school and is now assistant superintendent.

July 9, 1896, Mr. Hendricks married Miss Iva Golliher, daughter of James Golliher, a well known former resident of Richfield Township now living at Barry and concerning whom more detailed information will be found on other pages. Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks have two living children. Their second child, Susie, died at the age of five years. Lydia Leora is the wife of William Nelson, who lives on Mr. Hendricks' farm near Beverly. The youngest child is William Arden, a bright and vigorous youth of five years, who almost daily is seen piloting his individual roadster and rendering much valuable assistance to his father on the farm.

SCOTT MCCARL, of Richfield Township, has achieved much of the substantial success in farming and stock raising which his brother, Judge Lyman, has attained in the field of professional effort and politics. He owns a big farm and a fine country home seven miles northwest of Barry and twenty-five miles southeast of Quincy, and part of the farm is of special interest to all members of the McCarl family, since it comprised the old homestead where all of them had their youthful associations.

On that farm Scott McCarl was born April 23, 1862, son of Alexander W. and Minerva McCarl. Alexander W. McCarl died February 22, 1910, and his wife in March, 1893. Scott McCarl has spent his entire life on the old farm and lived with his father until the latter retired when Scott was about thirty years of age. The present commodious country home was built in the spring of 1890 and the principal barn in 1882.

Scott and his brother Grant were jointly interested in the management of this farm for some years, and increased its area by the purchase of an additional 120 acres. In 1903 they separated their interests, Grant removing to another farm nearby, while Scott bought the entire place of 240 acres. He conducts a general stock farm, raising grain and fattening a goodly bunch



of cattle for the market every year. For several years past his active associate in the enterprise has been his son Fred, for whom a separate set of buildings was erected as his home.

February 11, 1892, Scott McCarl married Sarah Loser, daughter of Lafe and Lydia (Schmalhof) Loser. Mrs. McCarl was born at Newtown in Adams County July 7, 1868, and was fourteen months old when her father died and ten years old at the death of her mother. Her mother had in the meantime married Thomas Abbott, who is now deceased. To the age of five Mrs. McCarl lived with her grandparents, Jacob and Margaret Schmalhof, of Richfield Village. Mr. and Mrs. McCarl have two children: Fred and Minerva. The daughter is still a student in the high school. Fred spent one year in high school, then taught a term of school, and married a neighbor girl, Bessie Lock.

Mr. Scott McCarl has served as school director and is an active supporter of the Mount Zion Baptist Church. He has been a vigorous supporter of all war movements in his county. Mrs. McCarl was educated in the country schools and for three years was a teacher in Payson and Richfield townships.

ALBERT W. LARIMORE. There are many reasons for the prominence of the Larimore family in Payson Township, where they have lived since pioneer days, and where the cultivation of land, well ordered prosperity, and good citizenship have marked all their ways.

A member of this family is Albert W. Larimore, whose home is a mile east of Plainville. His father was John W. Larimore, who was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, December 30, 1811, son of James and Naomi (Wolverton) Larimore. James and wife were natives of the same place. John W. was second in a family of seven children, and as a boy lived on the Virginia farm or plantation. In 1842 he came west, settling in Macon County, Missouri, but in the fall of 1844 located in Payson Township of Adams County. He bought a farm of eighty acres a mile north of Plainville, built a log house, and lived there until about 1860. He then went to a larger place of 240 acres a half mile away, and later bought a quarter section a half mile north of Plainville. His last years were spent retired in the Village of Plainville, and he died at the venerable age of ninety-one in 1902. His wife also reached advanced years. John W. Larimore was not only a busy and successful farmer but was a fluent speaker and rendered much valuable service as a local preacher in the Methodist Church, often filling pulpits and officiating at funerals.

On November 21, 1837, five years before he came west, John W. Larimore married Elizabeth Fahs. She was born and reared in Hampshire County, Virginia, daughter of Philip and Rebecca (Baker) Fahs. John W. Larimore and wife had six children. The oldest is Albert W. William, born December 20, 1840, served as a Union soldier up to the battle of Shiloh and was wounded on April 6, 1862, and died just a week later. Isaac M., who was born February 25, 1844, has been a farmer for many years in Payson Township, and is now living at Plainville. Rebecca, born June 9, 1848, married Robert Price, and lives with a son in Minneapolis, Minnesota. James A., born September 30, 1850, was a farmer, but is now in the livery business in Pike County, Illinois. Naomi, born March 25, 1856, died unmarried at the age of thirty.

Albert W. Larimore was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, December 11, 1839, and was three years old when his parents came west to Missouri. They soon became dissatisfied with Macon County and started to return home, but along the way concluded to locate near Plainville in Adams County. Here Albert W. grew up on the home farm, was educated in the local schools, and was at home until his marriage in 1862. He then bought eighty acres of his present farm. This farm was offered at public sale at the courthouse in Quincy, and he acquired it at \$30 an acre. At once he built a portion of the present home, which has been extensively remodeled to its present comfortable facil-

ities. Mr. Larimore continued buying land until he had 400 acres adjoining the old place, acquired at prices ranging from \$40 to \$75 an acre. Part of this land was comprised in the old Vickers homestead. A hundred sixty acres of it is now occupied by Mr. Larimore's son Edward. Mr. Larimore set out two or three orchards. One of 131½ acres is entirely planted to Jonathan apples, and he sold this highly developed tract at \$300 an acre. A forty-acre tract, largely in Ben Davis apples, is now a part of his son Edward's orchard. Apple growing has been one of the important features of Mr. Larimore's efforts as a farmer, and on the whole has been quite profitable. He also bought 160 acres of the old Pottle farm, and this is now owned by his son William O. Mr. Larimore's home farm now contains about 280 acres. He has always kept much stock. For a number of years he and his brother Isaac were associated in the breeding of high grade Clydesdale horses, keeping several fine stallions and doing much to improve the quality of horse flesh in this part of the county. They were in fact the first to introduce Clydesdales here. Mr. Larimore beyond serving on juries has never sought public office. He has been a republican since the time of Lincoln, and his father before him was a whig and republican. In early life he joined the Good Templars order and has always been a strong advocate of temperance and prohibition.

June 5, 1862, Mr. Larimore married Miss Julia F. Pottle a native of Adams County and daughter of Brackett and Mary Woodruff Pottle. Julia Frances Pottle was born July 3, 1837, on the old Pottle farm and died August 15, 1917. She inherited 120 acres of her father's place and her husband subsequently bought eighty acres more. Mr. and Mrs. Larimore had four children: William O., mentioned elsewhere in this publication; Anna, who died in childhood; Edward N., a farmer near the homestead; and Mary Neva, wife of Frank Penick, a well known Quincy attorney.

Brackett Pottle, father of Mrs. Larimore, was a noted citizen of Adams County. He was born in Stafford County, New Hampshire, May 18, 1804, son of Dudley and Betsey (Hoit) Pottle. His father saw active service in the War of 1812. Brackett Pottle lived at home to the age of twenty-one and in 1825 went to the vicinity of Boston, spending a year at Lexington, during which time he saw General Lafayette while that noted Frenchman was on his visit to America. He also heard Daniel Webster deliver his famous speech at Bunker Hill before an audience of 60,000 people. In 1826 he witnessed another event in American history, the funeral procession of President John Adams. For ten years he lived in and near Boston, and eight years of that time were spent in employment, usually hard manual labor. Much of the time his wages was only \$6 a month. While working he allowed a hogshead of molasses to get away from him and drop into Boston Bay, and he had to take the value of the molasses out of his own wages. In spite of that and other mishaps he managed to save a little money and in the spring of 1833 came west and first worked on the farm of Deacon Kimble in Adams County. He also became associated with Ex-Governor Wood and Mr. Kimble in entering 900 acres of land in Payson Township in partnership. That land included part of the present site of the Village of Payson. The tract was divided the following year.

In the fall of 1834 Mr. Pottle married Miss Lydia E. Thompson. Her father, Rev. Enos Thompson, was a minister of the Methodist Church from Athens County, Ohio. After their marriage they settled on a farm three miles east of Payson, and the first Mrs. Pottle died there in May, 1835. In the fall of that year Brackett Pottle married Mary Woodruff, daughter of Darius and Ruby Woodruff, who came from Connecticut. Mary Woodruff had come to Adams County with the family of Deacon Scarborough, elsewhere mentioned in these chronicles. She carried with her the infant son of Deacon Scarborough and married after she reached this county. Mary Woodruff died in November, 1869. Her children were: Julia Larimore, Elijah Lovejoy and Albert. In 1873 Brackett Pottle married Sarah M. Ramsey



Griffith. He removed to Payson in 1870 and owned considerable land in and around that village. He was a very devout Christian, a constant and regular member of the Congregational Church, and very strict in his observance of Sunday practices. He helped establish the church at Payson and was its last surviving original member. He died at the age of ninety years. His son Elijah L. became a successful farmer and merchant at Chillicothe, Missouri, but finally retired to Chicago, where as a means of occupation he became a ticket seller for the Chicago Elevated Railway. He died in Chicago about five years ago. Albert Pottle occupied the old home farm for many years, and died at Plainville.

JOSEPH BENZ. Seven miles from Quincy southeast in Melrose Township is the well ordered and valuable farm home of Joseph Benz. It is more than seventy years since the Benz family came to Adams County, and in all those years the name has been synonymous with industry, thrift, good citizenship and liberal support of all community activities, including church and schools.

Mr. Joseph Benz was born in Adams County at the east end of Quincy, on Twenty-Fourth Street, a block south of Maine. His birth occurred February 12, 1853. His parents were Joseph and Crescentia (Nadler) Benz. Joseph Benz, Sr., was born in Karlsruhe, Germany, March 19, 1819. He received his early education in the schools of his native country, and in 1846 he married Crescentia Nadler, who was born in Germany May 31, 1824. In 1847 they came to America and settled at Quincy. Joseph, Sr., had followed the trade of butcher in Germany and for a time he worked in the same line at Quincy when there were only two butchers in the town. He was employed by a Mr. Bowman for one year. He then rented a tract of land on Twenty-Fourth Street, and a year later moved three miles east, where he had the possession of one farm for twelve years. He then bought land included in the present farm of his son Joseph, and was getting nicely started on that farm of 120 acres when death overtook him in his labors, October 11, 1869, at the age of fifty years. When he moved to his farm it had only a log house, and that building has since been included in the present home. He cleared off some of the land and sold wood at Quincy, white oak cordwood for \$8 a cord and later for \$6.50 and \$7 a cord. His death was the result of pneumonia. He left a widow and eight children. He was a democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. His children were: Louise, who was a seamstress and died unmarried at the age of sixty-two; Bertha, who lives in Quincy, widow of Henry Helmar; Sophia, also a resident of Quincy, widow of Jacob Herbilt, a carpenter and builder; Joseph, oldest of the sons; Frank, a retired farmer from Marion County, Missouri, now living in Quincy; George, who was a farmer in Burton Township but died at Payson in 1917; Mary, unmarried, and living with her brother Frank in Quincy; Emma, who became a Sister of Charity in the convent at Hoboken, New Jersey, and died there sixteen years later. The widowed mother kept these children together, and used her unusual talents as a business woman to pay off the debt upon the farm and acquire more land, enlarging the house in its present form. She left the farm in 1881, at the time of her son Joseph's marriage, and then bought a home in Quincy, where she died September 19, 1896, at the age of seventy-two. She had long been a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Melrose Township, and helped build that edifice. Both parents were laid to rest in the St. Boniface Cemetery at Quincy.

Joseph Benz grew up on the old farm, and lived with his mother until she rented the place to him. When his mother died he bought out the interests of the other heirs in the 235-acre homestead, and since then has added fifty-six acres, giving him a well proportioned farm of 291 acres, all in one body, and most of it cultivable land, with some good timber. This is devoted to general farming, the raising of corn, wheat and other crops, and nearly everything produced is fed on the place to hogs and cattle. The building



improvements occupy a very conspicuous site on an elevation from which the ground slopes away in every direction. Mr. Benz has been indefatigably busy with his farming throughout his active career, and never found time to participate in politics beyond voting the democratic ticket.

November 22, 1881, he married Miss Sophia Schneider, daughter of Bartholomew and Dorothy (Strohmanger) Schneider. Her father was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 15, 1809, and came to America in 1833, first settling in New Jersey, where he lived three years, and in 1836 became a pioneer in Adams County. He married in New Jersey the same year he came to Adams County. His wife was born in Germany August 31, 1815. Their daughter Mrs. Benz was born in Adams County. Bartholomew Schneider died in 1899 and his wife July 23, 1889.

Mr. and Mrs. Benz have two sons and two daughters, and all the family are members of St. Anthony's Church three miles from their home farm. The oldest is George B. Benz, who married Frances Bockhold, and their five children are Eleanor, Joseph, Edward, William and Leo. Mary Benz married Ed Wand, a farmer of Melrose Township, and has a son, John Edward. Frank Benz is now a veterinary in the service of the United States Army at Camp Lee, Virginia. Clara, the youngest, is the wife of Eugene Wand, a plumber at Quincy. They have three children, Carl, Marie and Clara Louise.

LEONARD E. SHRIVER has been known to the people of Adams County for many years as a well-to-do farmer, a thrifty and prosperous citizen who has made good in all his undertakings, and still owns a fine place of 120 acres in sections 11 and 10 of Ellington Township. Mr. Shriver is now practically retired. His farm has been noted for its abundant yields of the staple crops, 60 bushels of corn, 25 bushels of wheat and 40 bushels of oats to the acre being about the average yield. The farm has a good ten-room house, a basement barn 42x50 feet, with 20-foot posts and 44 feet from foundation to gable. It is stocked with high grade Poland China hogs and Shorthorn cattle.

Mr. Shriver bought this farm, known as the John Aaron farm, in the spring of 1894, and for twenty-five years it has been his home and has been greatly improved under his proprietorship.

Mr. Shriver was born  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the Village of Mendon in that Township September 29, 1862. His father, Louis Shriver, was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1854, locating at Herman, Missouri, and two years later moving to Adams County and in 1857 to Quincy. In Quincy, he married Miss Catherine Waggamon, who was born at Saarbrucken, Germany, March 25, 1832. She came to America in 1855, and from New Orleans went up the Mississippi to St. Louis and two years later, in 1857, came to Quincy. After their marriage Louis Shriver and wife settled on a farm in section 24 of Mendon Township, and later moved to section 26 of the same township. Louis Shriver died there in 1890 and his wife August 19, 1896. Of their seven children two died in infancy. The others were: Henry, born January 25, 1858; Louis C., born June 28, 1860; Leonard E.; Mrs. Louisa C. Wettig, born December 30, 1864; and Frank, born January 11, 1867.

Leonard E. Shriver married in Mendon Township Polly Myers. She was born in that township October 17, 1868, and attended the rural schools. Her parents, John H. Myers and wife, came from Pennsylvania, and the Myers family were early settlers in Mendon Township. Her grandfather, Henry Myers, brought the family to this county and her father, John, was a small boy at that time. Henry Myers spent the rest of his days in the county. John Myers married Emma Evans, of Scotch and Welsh ancestry. She was born in 1850 and is still living. John Myers was born in 1844 and died in July, 1913. They were members of the Elk Grove United Brethren Church.

Mrs. Shriver was a beautiful and noble wife and mother, and it was a sad loss to the family and community when she passed away April 3, 1913. at the age of forty-five. Mr. and Mrs. Shriver for a number of years were mem-

bers of the Presbyterian Church. Their youngest child, Alice Belle, died at the age of three months. William is a farmer in Ursa Township, and by his marriage to Martha Wood, of Ellington Township, has three children, Eva M., William, Jr., and Myrtle. Emma Shriver is the wife of Samuel Knox, who runs the home farm of Mr. Shriver. They have a son Lowell. Martin E. is unmarried and runs the farm of his aunt in Mendon Township. Lawrence L. is now twenty-one years of age and is a practical young farmer. Clara H., aged fifteen and the youngest of the children, lives at home with her father and attends the city high school at Quincy.

**THE SEYMOUR BROTHERS.** There are very few men in Adams County who do farming on the big scale suggested by the ranches of the far western states. If any men could be entitled to the distinction of ranchers, in the sense of owning large tracts of land and doing business on a wholesale scale it is the Seymour Brothers, Henry M. and Lyman K. of Fall Creek Township.

The Seymours have been in Adams County over eighty years. Their name is synonymous with all those substantial activities connected with building up and developing the country and with ample land holdings and the substantial qualities of the old New England stock.

The Seymours in Adams County trace their ancestry back to Richard, who came from England in 1635 and settled at Hartford, Connecticut. Eight generations of the family lived in Hartford County. The grandfather of the Seymour Brothers was Martin Seymour, who was born in Hartford County, Connecticut, August 24, 1789. June 29, 1814, he married Lucy Butler. They had nine children. While this family was growing up around him Martin Seymour determined to find better opportunities for himself and his sons and daughters in the new West. Leaving his New England farm, he set out for Illinois, embarking May 28, 1836, on the steamer Oliver Ellsworth. This boat took him to New York, whence they followed the river Hudson up to Albany, crossed New York State by the Erie Canal to Buffalo, and from Lake Erie went across the Ohio Canal and thence down the Ohio River and up the Mississippi until they landed at Quincy June 28, 1836, accomplishing in a month's time a journey that can now be made in two days.

Martin Seymour located on land in section 12 of Fall Creek Township, which is the present home of the Seymour Brothers, but he did not live long to enjoy his new home. He died November 19, 1842, and his widow passed away September 4, 1845.

Their oldest son was the late Edward Seymour, long a prominent resident of Adams County. He was born in Hartford County, Connecticut, and came to Illinois with his father. He received a good education in the schools of his native state and was a man of liberal views and large observation. He was a strong supporter of the republican party. He was elected supervisor of Fall Creek Township for several terms, and held the office of township treasurer for twenty years. He died July 15, 1904.

Charles W. Seymour, the youngest son of Martin Seymour, was born in Hartford County, Connecticut, August 23, 1834, and was two years of age when he came to Adams County. He was educated in the local public schools and at the age of sixteen became associated in business with his brother Edward under the firm name of Seymour Brothers, which partnership was continued for nearly fifty years. They were remarkably successful in business and were among the wealthiest men in the county.

Charles W. Seymour married, May 14, 1863, Miss Emily C. Kay, a daughter of Robert G. Kay, of Payson. Five children were born to them and the four now living are Henry M., Lyman K., Loren B. and Mrs. Stella M. Starr. Charles W. Seymour died October 11, 1898.

Henry M. Seymour was born June 9, 1864. He was married to Miss Lucy W. Nicholson, daughter of John and Mary Ann (Gilbert) Nicholson, August







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29. 1895. Four children were born to their marriage: Charles W., Mary G., Elizabeth and Emily K., the latter three of whom are now living.

It was a tragic loss to the family and a source of sorrow to the entire community when Charles W. Seymour, the only son of Henry M. Seymour, was accidentally killed, at the age of sixteen, while playing ball on the High School grounds at Payson. His young life gave promise of a career of great usefulness, and his father, recognizing that fact and endeavoring to give some memorial to his son, so prematurely taken away, has erected and donated to the village of Payson the present High School building, known as the Charles W. Seymour High School. It is one of the most important benefactions to the cause of education ever made in Adams County. In 1918 Henry M. Seymour also erected in the park at Payson a handsome Band Stand as an "Illinois Centennial" monument. These are instances of a public generosity which has always characterized him and his brother Lyman K. in their relations to the community.

Lyman K. Seymour was born October 2, 1865. He grew up on his father's place in Fall Creek Township and for two years was a student at Knox College under the presidency of Newton Bateman and afterward had two years of banking and accounting experience in Quincy. At the age of twenty he returned to the farm, and since then has been occupied almost entirely with his interests as a farmer and stockman. He built his present fine residence in 1907 from stone quarried on the farm. Mr. Seymour is a republican in politics but has never sought office.

He married for his first wife Mrs. Carrie (Kay) Robbins, who died one year after their marriage. On September 29, 1904, he married Miss Agnes Jarrett, daughter of James and Anna M. Jarrett, of Quincy.

Henry M. and Lyman K. Seymour have been for many years partners in their business enterprises under the firm name of Seymour Brothers, as their father and uncle were before them. Being brought into touch with farming and stock raising on a large scale on their father's and uncle's farm, they have continued the business on a still larger scale. Their farms now comprise more than four thousand acres of the best land in Adams and Pike counties. Most of this land is farmed by tenants, while the Seymour Brothers devote their time to orcharding, stock feeding and their other business interests. For a number of years they have been among the leading apple growers in this section of the Mississippi Valley. The principal varieties grown are Grimes Golden, Jonathan, Ben Davis, Gano and Willow Twig. Since 1911 the crops of apples have been from five to ten thousand barrels per year. Their "Square Deal" Brand is widely known and enjoys a very favorable reputation among dealers.

The land that is rented out is farmed on the "share" plan and the Seymour Brothers' share of the corn crop is all fed to cattle and hogs. Most of the grass land is reserved for grazing their cattle. They have never attempted the breeding and raising of fancy stock but buy a good grade of stock cattle and fatten them for market. Their hogs are raised on the farms. They also have other interests in real estate outside of their farm lands, having confined their investments almost entirely to agricultural enterprises.

Seymour Brothers have always been active in all public and local affairs and are big men in character as well as in their material interests.

GEORGE F. DURST. There is no industry that affects more vitally the very life and welfare of a community than its milk supply. From the cow to the consumer is a long and complicated process, and at every point the supply is exposed to the dangers of contagion and deterioration. It involves the labor of many individuals, requires expensive equipment and constant care to preserve so far as possible that degree of cleanliness which is present when the milk is first drawn. For all that has been said and written in the effort to educate people to the importance of a pure milk supply it is doubtful if many of the customers of the Durst Brothers Sanitary Dairy of Quincy realize

how much thoughtful care and trouble is bestowed upon the product distributed to them daily.

George F. Durst, who since the death of his brother James, while serving with the colors, has been sole proprietor of the business, is a thoroughly practical dairyman. It has been his pride and ambition to develop and maintain the highest standards of a sanitary dairy distributing plant. This ideal has been realized in every particular and its visible expression is found in the plant at 407 North Twenty-Fourth Street, where the firm has been located since March, 1917. The building represents the last word in the matter of construction and equipment. It is cement throughout, 26x60 feet, and the building can be cleaned and kept clean as easily as any one of the containers in which milk is handled. Several hundred gallons of milk go through this plant every day, brought in from the dairying district around the city, but in no case is the haul more than three miles. Milk is strained and bottled at a temperature of fifty degrees, and before going into the bottles it is subjected to the pasturizing process, being held at a temperature of 142 degrees Fahrenheit for thirty minutes. From the dairy plant to the back door of the consumer equal care and precaution is exercised.

The Durst Brothers Sanitary Dairy is now supplying over 1,200 individual families throughout the city with pure pasturized milk and cream daily.

The Durst brothers, George F. and James E., were both born in Quincy and were reared and educated in Ellington Township. George F. Durst was born November 23, 1889, and started in the dairy business with just a few cows and a one-horse wagon when only twenty-four years of age. He has made a wonderful success of the industry and is one of the largest handlers of sweet milk in the City of Quincy today. He has just added two more large retail wagons, hauling 130 gallons of bottled milk each to his retail delivery outfit. He also owns a large herd of cattle, which produce an important share of the milk delivered by his business in Quincy. This herd is growing to a large number rapidly and promises to be one of the largest dairy herds in Adams County in the near future.

The parents of Mr. Durst are Hugo and Carrie (Layman) Durst. The father was born in Germany and came to Adams County when one year old. The family was established here by George and Nancy Durst, who were old settlers of Quincy and died here when past seventy years of age. Forty years ago George Durst, Sr., was numbered among the millers of Quincy. They were a Lutheran family. The parents of George F. Durst are still living in Ellington Township, and are still active as farmers and citizens of that locality. They are members of the Methodist Church and Hugo Durst is a democrat, while his sons became independent voters. Mrs. Durst's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Layman, were one of the first settlers of Knox County, Missouri, and Mr. Fred Layman was a blacksmith by trade, but later settled down as a large farmer and stock raiser. He served his country during the Civil war with the North. Mr. Fred Layman died at the age of seventy years and Mrs. Layman died at the age of seventy-five.

James E. Durst was called to the colors September 3, 1918. He was stationed at Camp Grant, Illinois, contracted influenza about September 25th and died October 3, 1918. George F. Durst afterwards bought the interest of his brother. About the last important improvement to the plant is one of the finest refrigerating machines and systems found anywhere in Illinois outside of Chicago. James E. Durst married Ruth Heidbrader, of Ellington Township.

Louis H. Durst, another son of Hugo, is a prosperous vegetable grower in Adams County. Charles E. Durst the other son is county farm adviser of Union County, Illinois. Their only sister, Marguerite, is still on the home place in Ellington Township with her mother and brother Louis.

Mr. George F. Durst married at Quincy Miss Edna Bybee, who was born and educated in Quincy. Her father, Clarence Bybee, died here some years



ago after a long career as a conductor on the Burlington Railway. Mrs. Bybee is still living in Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. George F. Durst have two children: Margaret J., born in 1915, and George E., born in 1917. Mrs. Durst is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

**CURREN E. LOGUE.** Of the younger generation of progressive farmers in Adams County one of the leading representatives is Curren E. Logue of Clayton Township, whose farm is 3½ miles northeast of Clayton on the Brown County line.

The place he now lives on was contained in the old Logue homestead and he was born there August 31, 1862. He is the oldest son of William M. Logue of Clayton. On other pages of this work is published an interesting history of William M. Logue and his family, who have long been actively identified with this county's affairs.

Curren E. Logue spent his early life at home, and from 1888 to 1893 was engaged in the dry goods and clothing business, three years at Clayton and two years at Golden. He was active manager of the store, the firm being known as William M. Logue & Son. His father remained on the farm and had only a financial interest in the business. After leaving merchandising Mr. Logue was associated with his father in business and farming for several years.

November 19, 1908, he married Miss Effie Curry. Mrs. Logue was born in 1871, and is a daughter of Christopher Stafford and Elizabeth (Bennett) Curry. Her father was born in Kentucky in 1836 and when a child was brought to Adams County by his parents, Thomas and Melinda Curry, who located in Clayton Township. Thomas Curry died when about eighty-eight years of age, having survived his wife about ten years.

Curren E. Logue since his marriage has lived on his present farm of 160 acres, included in a portion of his father's large estate. He has given his personal operation to the land and gets most of his profits from hogs, marketing from forty to fifty every year. He also keeps some cattle. Mr. Logue has never been a politician, but he is nominally a democrat. He and his wife are members of the Clayton Christian Church and he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias.

**ROY A. PETER** is one of the younger substantial citizens of Melrose Township, and for the past ten years has had the active management and is now owner of the old Peter farm eleven miles southeast of Quincy.

The house in which he now lives was the scene of his birth February 2, 1883. He is a son of Joseph and Caroline (King) Peter. Joseph Peter and his brother Jacob settled on two farms, eighty acres, and lived side by side for many years. Jacob finally retired to Payson, and Joseph lived in Quincy the last ten years of his life and died in that city May 11, 1918. He was born in Germany April 12, 1833, and was brought to the United States when one year old. His father soon settled on the farm where Ed Meyer now lives. The father of Joseph was noted as a violinist, and he taught that instrument and for many years played in the leading halls in Quincy. He was one of the most noted of the old time fiddlers and he kept up the art until advanced years. He was the father of four sons, Jacob, Joseph, Charles and William. Charles still lives in Quincy. William was a farmer in Payson but died in Quincy in March, 1916.

Joseph Peter was a farmer and for many years operated the old homestead. He was also one of the pioneer threshermen of the county, and began with a horsepower outfit. His first purchase of land comprised eighty acres in the present home farm. It was all covered with timber and he gradually cleared all that away and made it productive of crops. His first home was a log house.

About 1863 Joseph Peter married Caroline King. She was born in Ohio February 27, 1843, and died April 4, 1918, just five weeks before her husband.



They had been married nearly fifty-five years. Joseph Peter worked steadily and increased his farm to 160 acres, and made it one of the valuable places of the township. The residence was built more than forty years ago, and the present barn was erected on the site of one burned by lightning. Joseph Peter was a democrat without political aspirations. He was reared a Catholic, but attended church with his wife in the Presbyterian denomination. They had the following children: Charles Henry, a commercial salesman living at Enid, Oklahoma; Theodore W., a farmer and teamster at Payson; Mrs. Anna M. Sanger, of Seattle, Washington; Joseph D., who is unmarried and lives at Quincy; and Roy A.

Roy A. Peter has always lived on the old farm and in 1908 took over its management and since his father's death has bought the place. He is somewhat of a specialist in stock breeding, and increasing experience has brought him much success in that line. He breeds all kinds of good stock, especially the Duroc Jersey hogs.

September 3, 1907, Mr. Peter married Miss Florence E. Seward, daughter of P. Z. Seward of Payson. Mrs. Peter was twenty years of age at the time of her marriage. They have two children, Ruth and Alvin. Mr. Peter for two years, 1910-11, was tax collector and each year turned into the treasury about \$13,000 annual collections. He is a democrat and has been active in local politics. Mr. Peter in earlier days played baseball and has always been fond of outdoor sports and of hunting.

**JAMES MCKINNAY.** Over Adams County there is perhaps no better known citizen than James McKinney, former county treasurer, and for the past fifteen years a live and energetic general real estate man of Quincy. Mr. McKinney, whose offices are in the Stearns Building, has specialized in handling farm lands, and he also laid out and owned in 1905 the McKinney Addition to Quincy comprising twenty-one lots between Cherry and Chestnut and Seventh and Ninth streets. Nearly all this property is now built up and represents a striking improvement to the city.

Mr. McKinney was born in Lima Township of Adams County June 1, 1867, and his early life was spent on a farm, where he acquired much knowledge of practical agriculture and gained some of the experience which has made him so good a judge of farm values. He was educated in public schools, and at the age of eighteen acquired a certificate to teach. Following that he taught two terms in Camp Point Township, two terms in Hancock County, Illinois, and one term in his native township. After this period of teaching Mr. McKinney did clerical work in Quincy for some time and proved his business ability while associated with the Quincy Herald by adding greatly to its circulation and prestige among the newspapers of Western Illinois. Two years later he accepted the office of deputy county treasurer under George McAdams, and filled that office from 1894 to 1898. He was elected Mr. McAdams' successor as county treasurer and served four years. In the meantime he had taken up real estate and has been more or less actively engaged in that business since 1904. In politics Mr. McKinney is a democrat. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

His parents were Michael and Lucinda (Workman) McKinney. His father was born in Ireland of Irish parentage and came when a young man to this country, locating on a farm in Adams County, where he married. His wife was born in Lima Township, and her parents came from North Carolina and were pioneers in this county, arriving here about 1836 and obtaining Government land in Lima Township. Members of the Workman family were prominent in the Christian Church. Michael McKinney and wife after their marriage occupied a small farm in Lima Township for a number of years, but spent their last days in Quincy, where Michael died at the age of seventy-three and his wife aged sixty-six. A brief record of their children is as fol-

lows: James, the oldest; Nellie, who died at the age of eleven years; Phoebe Pearl and Laura May, both unmarried and living in Quincy.

Mr. James McKinnay married at Quincy Lillie Tomlinson, who was born in Payson Township of this county. As a result of ill health she went west and died at Spokane, Washington, in 1901. She left one son, James Lowell, who was born January 1, 1900, and is now a member of the class of 1919 in the Quincy High School.

Mr. McKinnay married for his present wife Effa A. Watson. Mrs. McKinnay was born in Hancock County, Illinois, about forty years ago, and was liberally educated, being a graduate of the Quincy High School and was a popular teacher until her marriage. Mrs. McKinnay comes of an old colonial family of Connecticut. Some of her ancestors were soldiers in the Revolutionary war, and she is entitled to two bars indicating her direct lineage from soldiers of that struggle. Mrs. McKinnay is vice regent of the Quincy Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. McKinnay have one daughter, Mary Marjorie, born July 15, 1910.

LENUS WEISENBURGER is one of the present generation of active farmers in Burton Township. He bought his present farm in section 1 only two years ago, paying upwards of \$100 an acre for it, but his management has shown that such high priced land can be profitably managed, especially when in the hands of such a thrifty and energetic farmer as Mr. Weisenburger.

Mr. Weisenburger, whose home is thirteen miles east of Quincy, was born in Burton Township March 28, 1875, son of David and Medora (Epley) Weisenburger. He was only six years old when his father died. Lenus has a sister, Nellie, Mrs. Ellis Franks, of Liberty Village. His mother married for her second husband Edward McRae. Lenus lived at home with his mother to the age of twenty-one, and after his mother and stepfather moved from the farm he continued its management. The mother finally sold the old place to her children, and Lenus sold his interest to his sister after two years.

He learned the carpenter's trade, for five years ran a feed mill at Liberty Village, and did carpenter work and operated a threshing outfit for twelve or fourteen years. For five years after his marriage he managed the old Deege farm belonging to his father-in-law, and in 1914 bought the old Thompson place of 160 acres, paying \$15,000 for it. It contained an old house and other buildings, and he has since built a splendid farm house and has brought all the equipment up to date. One feature of the farm is a deep well, 320 feet. It is very rich and productive soil, much of it lying on the prairie, and Mr. Weisenburger uses it for the staple crops, and raises large numbers of hogs every year. He is a democratic voter, as is most of the family.

At the age of twenty-two Mr. Weisenburger married Anna Deege, daughter of Philip Deege, who came to the United States in 1857, was a blacksmith by trade, and for many years was a prosperous farmer in Burton Township. Mr. and Mrs. Weisenburger have two children: Merle and Emery. The family attend the Liberty Lutheran Church.

GEORGE W. MONTGOMERY. However long the years of his life, the fullness and completeness of his career, there is an inevitable sense of loss when such a man as the late George W. Montgomery is removed by death from the community where his work and interests centered. Mr. Montgomery was an old time resident of Clayton, very successful as a business man and financier, and he used his means and his influence in many ways to forward the larger welfare of the community, and neglected few if any of those calls made upon him by the poor and unfortunate. He was exceedingly kind hearted, and had friends and admirers by the hundreds, all of whom regarded his death in the sense of a personal bereavement.

Mr. Montgomery was born in Brooke County, West Virginia, in the rugged district north of Wheeling, February 24, 1841. His parents were Daniel and



Juliet (Mahan) Montgomery. His father was born in Greene County, Pennsylvania, in 1805, and his mother in Baltimore, Maryland, of English descent. George W. Montgomery had a public school education and in 1865 came west and located at Clayton. For a short time he taught school, and in 1867 established a drug store, which was continued under his name and management for about thirty-two years. In 1879, with Mr. H. C. Craig, Mr. Montgomery entered banking, and he continued as a private banker for many years. In 1905 he with others organized the Clayton Exchange Bank, of Clayton, he owning the building in which that institution was located, and was president of the bank until his death June 18, 1913. Mr. Montgomery owned and handled large amounts of real estate, both city and country property, in Adams County and elsewhere, and was also in the insurance business for many years. One choice piece of property he owned was 135 acres in a farm adjoining the Village of Clayton. He also owned some large tracts in western states. He prospered as a business man and through the integrity of his character and the energy and persistence of his efforts, since at the beginning he was a poor boy and could depend only upon his own energies and resources.

Throughout his life he was an ardent democrat, casting his first presidential ballot for George B. McClellan in 1864. His name was well known locally and also in state politics. He was elected and served five terms as a member of the Board of Supervisors, and during that time was a member of the committee which had in charge the remodeling of the courthouse in Quincy and was also a member of the County Farm committee. In 1896 he was elected a member of the Legislature to fill the unexpired term of Mitchell Dazey and was re-elected to that office. In the Fortieth General Assembly he distinguished himself by his efforts in behalf of progressive legislation, and was a member of the committees on banking, education, fish and game, and the committee to visit educational institutions. He was a delegate to many democratic conventions, and for twenty-three years was a member of his home board of education, serving as secretary for fifteen years. All these honors were most fitly bestowed upon a man whose qualifications entitled him to leadership either in public or private affairs.

He was affiliated with Clayton Lodge No. 147, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, having been made a Mason in 1879. He was also a member of Clayton Chapter No. 104, Royal Arch Masons, Delta Commandery No. 48, Knights Templar, and filled the office of eminent commander four terms. He held all the chairs in his lodge of Odd Fellows, was a representative to the grand lodge four terms and was also a member of the encampment. In religion he was a Christian Adventist.

November 14, 1899, Mr. Montgomery married Miss E. Florence Long. Mrs. Montgomery has looked after the interests left by her late husband with conscientious fidelity to all parties concerned. Mrs. Montgomery is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her parents, Robert D. and Harriet (Haley) Long, were residents of Brown County, Illinois.

**HERMAN KILL.** There is much besides his success in business and farming to distinguish Herman Kill among the citizenship of Richfield Township. He is a man of sound intelligence and progressive ideas, whether applied to his private affairs or any community undertaking. He is a persistent advocate of progress, and as he has never gotten into a rut himself he is not satisfied to see his community stagnate. Mr. Kill's home is ten miles north of Barry.

He was born in Burton Township of this county March 7, 1865, son of William and Catherine (Vollmer) Kill. His parents were both natives of Bavaria, Germany, but were married in Adams County, having come to this country when young. William Kill did work as a farm hand, later rented, and about 1870 bought a place in Richfield Township, a mile north of where his son Herman now lives. He died soon after occupying that home. His widow afterwards married John Schmidt in Burton Township. They returned



to Richfield Township, and the mother died about twelve years ago. She had ten children, and those surviving are Herman, Jacob, Frederick, Lewis, John, Elizabeth, Hannah, Caroline and Edith.

Herman Kill began working as a farm hand when sixteen years old. At first he was paid only \$5 a month, and in spite of low wages his thrifty habits enabled him to save something from his earnings and after about six years he made his first purchase of land, forty acres adjoining the old home. He lived there and worked the land five years as a bachelor, his mother keeping house for him part of the time. About 1892 he bought his present place of 100 acres, paying \$33 an acre. It was an old farm and had been rented for a number of years, consequently the soil was much impoverished. Later Mr. Kill bought eighty acres a half mile north at \$47 an acre. It had no buildings. Mr. Kill has made his farm a good home as well as a place of business, and has a commodious house erected fifteen years ago. The main barn was built about six years ago. By proper rotation of crops and by keeping livestock he has brought his soil to excellent condition. He usually fed from 100 to 125 head of hogs every year, but has more recently turned his attention to cattle, handling about fifty a year. There is a stream running thorough the land, with water in it the year around. Another valuable feature is a deposit of coal about three or four feet under the surface, and by "stripping" enough of this coal is made available for Mr. Kill's home use and also for use by the neighboring district school and some of his close neighbors.

He has frequently answered the call of other enterprises, and for twenty years operated an agricultural implement store at Liberty, and was agent for agricultural implements over a wide area. He built up a large business in that line, and had his farm handled by a renter. For about fifteen years he also operated a threshing outfit, sometimes with partners and sometimes alone. He wore out three outfits, and year after year covered the same territory and served the same customers. For some years Mr. Kill has been local justice of the peace and is a democrat in politics. For three years up to 1919 he was manager of the Liberty Telephone Company and has also been a director of the company, resigning the office on account of business duties. He was one of its original builders. He and his associates constructing a metallic circuit from Liberty to Quincy.

January 16, 1894, Mr. Kill married Miss Minnie Klarner, daughter of Edward and Jane (Schmalshof) Klarner. They have four children, all at home, William, Carl, Clem and Verna. The sons William and Carl were enrolled under the draft law, but were never called into service.

Mr. Kill has been much interested in historical data and records, and was instrumental in gathering data for the township in 1918, especially facts bearing upon the schools and teachers. He has followed the wise policy of making his children confidantes and associates in the farm, and they already have a more than ordinary knowledge of livestock and other agricultural matters. Mr. Kill is deeply interested in their education and training and no other fact stands out as more illuminating testimony to his worthy character as a citizen.

HENRY BARTLETT, retired banker of Clayton, represents an old colonial English family of America, and also some of the early settlers in Adams County. He was born at Kingston in this county October 9, 1847. His father Nathaniel Gorham Bartlett was a grandson and namesake of Nathaniel Gorham of Massachusetts, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Nathaniel Gorham Bartlett was born at Charlestown, Massachusetts, in 1791. At the age of seventeen he graduated from Phillips Academy of Andover, Massachusetts, clerked in a hardware store, and later was clerk in the Recorder's office of Boston. Several years later he went to Canada, and farmed and taught school there fourteen years. Returning to Boston he remained only a short time and came west and settled in Beverly Township of Adams County in 1838.

In 1841 he married Miss Laura Mills. She was born in Connecticut in 1811. After their marriage they located on their farm at Kingston, and in 1849 moved to Liberty Township and in 1859 removed to Clayton, where the father lived until his death in 1871. His wife died January 20, 1892. Nathaniel Gorham Bartlett had a sister Rebecca who became the wife of Mr. Vose, a hardware merchant at Boston. One of their children was the late Judge Henry Vose of Boston, a sister, Catherine married Rev. James Walker, for many years president of Harvard College; a brother, Henry Bartlett was for many years a leading physician of Roxbury, Massachusetts, and George Bartlett was lost at sea while a member of the Merchant Marine. John C. Bartlett, a brother of Nathaniel G., became a physician and lived at Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

The children of Nathaniel G. Bartlett and wife were: James, who was born in Kingston, Illinois, in 1842, married Catherine Ayers, and became a large land owner and wealthy business man of Wayne, Nebraska. He served with Company E of the Seventy-Eighth Illinois Infantry in the Civil war. He is now living at Glenwood, Iowa. Charles, the second child, was born in 1844, enlisted in February, 1865, in Company K of the One Hundred and Fifty-First Illinois Infantry and died at Columbus, Georgia, in October, 1865. He is buried at Andersonville, Georgia. Mary Bartlett, born at Kingston in 1845, died at Clayton unmarried in October, 1891. The next in age is Henry, and Joseph died in infancy, while Laura C., born at Kingston in 1857 married Frederick Kuntz of Clayton.

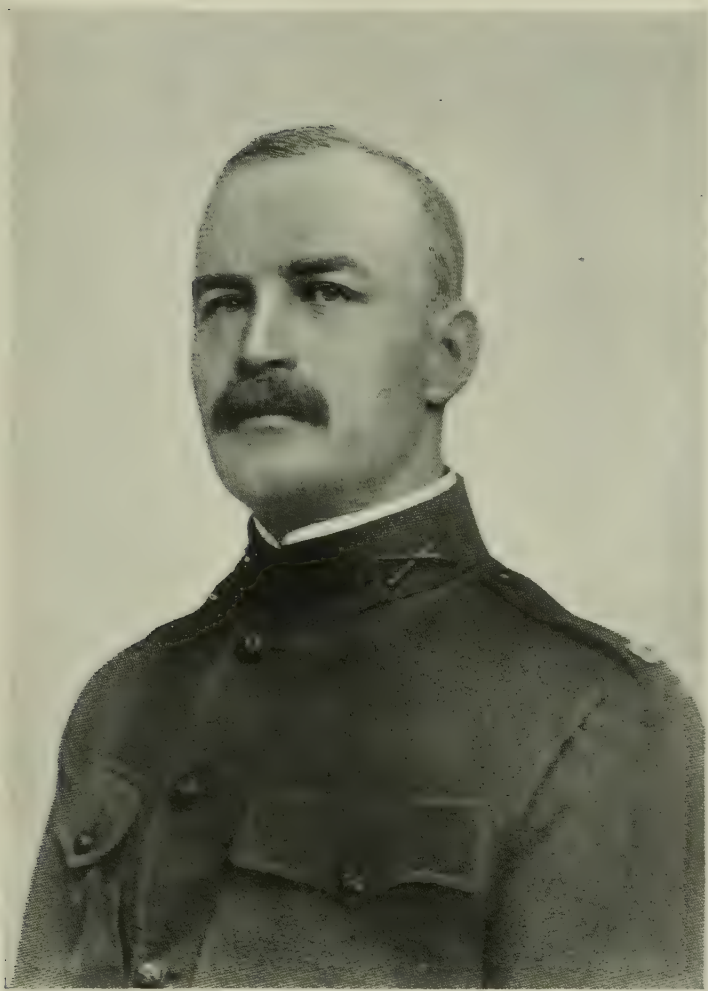
Henry Bartlett attended the public schools of his native town, also a private school in Payson one year, his teacher being Mr. Wallace. At the age of twenty-one he came to Clayton with his parents and in 1869 bought a half interest in the drug business of Lloyd & Miller, and continued selling drugs nearly five years. He has been connected with various enterprises, being at one time a member of the grocery house of A. M. Lackey & Company and in the firm of Henry Bartlett & Company. August 1, 1887, he and John R. Wallace engaged in the banking business under the name of Bartlett & Wallace. They continued it as a private bank of far extending and unimpeachable record until 1916, when they reorganized it as the Bartlett & Wallace State Bank. Mr. Bartlett retired from the banking business in 1917.

In 1875 he married Susan M. Lackey, daughter of Abel M. Lackey of Brown County, Illinois. Mrs. Bartlett died at Clayton in 1909, the mother of two children: Charles L., born in 1877, and Bertha E., born in 1881. The son is now an attorney at Quincy, and the daughter who died August 8, 1918, married John H. Krugh. Mr. Bartlett since an early age has been a devout member of the Baptist Church, identified with church activities and Sunday school work. He is a republican, and for nine years was township supervisor, director of the school board six years, and for one year president of the Town Board of Clayton.

#### HENRY R. HILL

#### *Tribute by Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois*

"I wish to say a word in tribute to Henry R. Hill. Illinois is justly proud of her men at the battle fronts. Thousands of her sons have laid down their lives that our government might endure. Cantigny, Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel and the Argonne forests are names that will stand in all our future history alongside of Concord and Lexington and Yorktown, Gettysburg and Vicksburg and Appomattox. The sons of Illinois have an imperishable part in all these great names. No one of her soldiers in this war, however, has written a braver page than General Hill. Regarded as he was by the state authorities, an ideal and experienced soldier, he sailed for Europe in command of a brigade. For some reason, which we do not understand but which we know could not reflect upon his soldierly qualities or his honor, he was supplanted in this command. He



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was then at liberty to return to his home, and could have done so without the slightest stain. Instead, he preferred to remain and asked only that he be given a soldier's work to do, whatever rank he might retain. He was placed in command of a battalion and, leading that battalion in a desperate charge, he fell. And I maintain that, under all the circumstances, he died a finer hero's death, though he wore upon his shoulder only the major's gold leaf, than though his shoulder had been bespangled with a general's stars. All honor to the self-effacing, loyal and gallant son of Quincy, who found a grave on foreign soil." Springfield, November 29, 1918.

Frank O. Lowden, Governor of Illinois.

*Citation for Distinguished Service Cross*

Major Henry R. Hill, deceased, 128th Infantry.—For extraordinary heroism in action near Romangne-sous-Montfaucon, France, October 16, 1918. With absolute disregard for his personal safety Major Hill led his battalion over the top personally, reached the objective, and cleaned out enemy machine-gun nests. When a group of enemy machine gunners were about to open fire on his flank Major Hill noticed them, and, armed only with a captured pistol, he immediately went forward to engage them. Taken by surprise, three of the crew surrendered, but one, remaining in the pit, turned the machine gun on him; and as Major Hill's pistol failed to work he was instantly killed by the machine-gun fire. Next of kin, Mrs. Cecilia R. Hill, mother, 516 Maine Street, Quincy, Ill.

The foregoing is the closing chapter in the life of Henry R. Hill, according him the highest honors that can come to an American officer and soldier, the Distinguished Service Cross awarded for heroism in battle by the Commander in Chief of the armies of his country; the highest commendation of the Governor of his state, the Commander in Chief of the soldiers of Illinois.

From his earliest manhood General Hill had been a soldier. He enlisted as a private in Company F, Fifth Infantry, Illinois National Guard, at Quincy, in 1894. Promotion followed promotion until in the great World war he held a commission as brigadier general in the American army in France.

At the outbreak of the war with Spain in 1898 General Hill was first sergeant of Company F, and went with his company to Chickamauga, but the Fifth Regiment did not get to Cuba. May 26, 1899, he was commissioned a second lieutenant: captain, August 18, 1902; lieutenant colonel, November 12, 1908. On December 2, 1914, he was commissioned brigadier general and assigned to the command of the Second Illinois Brigade.

When the national guard was ordered to the border in 1917, during the trouble with Mexico, he was the only national guard general ordered south. There he commanded the Second Brigade, Twelfth Provisional Division, at Camp Wilson, near San Antonio, Texas. His work was highly commended by General Funston and others of the southwestern military department, and it is due in large measure to the distinguished service he rendered at that time and the abilities he displayed as a military commander that he was one of the very few national guard generals who retained his rank when the state troops were taken over by the war department. He served on the border from June 1, 1916, to January 27, 1917.

General Hill was placed in command of the military forces at East St. Louis in July, 1917, at the time of the fatal race riots, by order of the President, after the police and militia had failed to restore order. He remained there for three weeks, brought order out of conditions amounting to armed warfare, and was president of the military board of inquiry that investigated the handling of the serious situation by the militia, after the rioting began. For this service he was accorded the highest commendation by the civil authorities of East St. Louis and of the state and national authorities as well.

In August, 1917, after this country entered the great World war, General Hill was awarded a commission as brigadier general in the national army by

order of President Wilson and on the 23d of that month went to Camp Logan, near Houston, Texas, to take command of the Sixty-Fifth Brigade, United States Infantry, composed of the former Third and Fourth Illinois Infantry, the regimental numbers having been changed to the One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth and One Hundred and Thirtieth United States Infantry regiments, respectively. At the end of the training period his brigade was conceded to be one of the most efficiently organized and best trained in the American army.

He left for France with his brigade, May 1, 1918, and was first sent to Brest and then to Tours. After months of waiting for active service, with many other former volunteer and national guard officers, General Hill was offered his discharge and was tendered a commission as colonel in the Service of Supplies. Both of these offers he declined, true soldier that he was, saying that he had gone to France to serve his country and preferred a position at the front, in any capacity, where he could render the greatest service. On August 29, 1918, he accepted a commission as major in a regiment then moving to the front line trenches. In ten days he was at the front, engaged in the last and greatest battles of the war and on October 16th, gave up his life in the Argonne Forest, in the heroic manner recorded in the foregoing citation for the Distinguished Service Cross.

General Hill was born in Quincy, Illinois, June 20, 1876, a son of Frederick T. and Cecilia Hill. Henry Root, his maternal grandfather, who came to Quincy in 1837, was a pioneer merchant, president of the Quincy, Missouri & Pacific Railway, the founder and president of the Union Bank. On his father's side his ancestry dates back in America to 1620 and on his mother's side to the heroes of the Revolution.

In civil life General Hill had occupied a prominent place in Quincy for many years. He was the owner and manager of the business of the F. T. Hill Company, founded by his father and one of the leading and the oldest concerns in the carpet and furnishing trade in the state. Identified with the Masonic fraternity, he held positions of trust and responsibility in its various organizations and also in other fraternal and civic societies. But there was martial blood in his veins and he had made a study of military affairs and service until he fully qualified himself for its high commands.

Embracing every opportunity for serving his country, Henry R. Hill died the hero that he was, facing the machine gun fire of the enemy, determined to clean out the machines that were dealing out death to his comrades and preventing the advance of his armies. It was the typical act of a true American commander, the deed of a brave man standing at the very head of his troops leading them, not driving them, willing to take, even before they were called upon to do so, the consequences of the commands he gave them. It was the deed of the kind of American who won the greatest war the world has ever known, waged on his part and on the part of others like him for the cause of humanity and righteousness. The things that make life great and glorious, the noblest attributes of manhood and Americanism were his. Such a life will go down into the history of Quincy, and of Illinois as one of the state's foremost soldiers who died a soldier's death.

**WILLIAM J. RUFF.** A man of marked business acumen and foresight, possessing good executive ability and much inventive talent, William J. Ruff, of Quincy, has made an exhaustive study of the more modern and scientific methods used in the manufacture of beer, and is justly given a place of prominence among the leading brewers of Adams County. A son of the late John Ruff, he was born January 28, 1865, in Quincy, which he has always claimed as his home.

John Ruff spent his entire life in Quincy, dying while yet in the prime of life, his death occurring May 16, 1880. He married Annie E. Lock, who came from Germany to Adams County, Illinois, when a girl of seven years. She survived her husband but a few short years, dying at her home in Quincy on



September 30, 1884. Of their eight children three are now living, as follows: William J.; Casper H., of Quincy; and Lizette, wife of George H. Schaffer, of Quincy.

Obtaining his preliminary education in the parochial schools, William J. Ruff entered the Gem City Business College at the age of twelve years. Three years later, owing to the death of his father, he was forced to discontinue his studies and begin the battle of life on his own account. After serving an apprenticeship at the brewer's trade, mastering its various branches in three years, Mr. Ruff went to Europe in order to take up the study of that branch of chemistry relating to brewing. Leaving home on May 16, 1883, he went to Worms, Germany, the city in which Martin Luther appeared before a diet in 1521, and there studied scientific brewing under the instruction of Dr. Schneider. While thus occupied Mr. Ruff conceived the idea of pasteurizing beer by automatic control of the process, and the director of the school advised him to follow that method, and it was immediately adopted at Zweibrucken Pfallz, where he remained as an instructor for two weeks, during which time he was instrumental in having a large cargo of pasteurized beer shipped to Cape Town, Africa.

Returning to Illinois, Mr. Ruff introduced the newer methods of preserving bottle beer, and his system is used in all breweries in the state, if not in the entire country. Mr. Ruff has also invented and patented a self regulating machine for this purpose used by brewers, besides other devices used in brewing beer. In 1906 Mr. Ruff assumed the management of the brewery with which he has since been officially connected, and through his energetic and systematic efforts he has built up an extensive and highly remunerative business, his plant being one of the best equipped in the county, and producing one of finest brands of beer to be found anywhere.

On May 2, 1887, Mr. Ruff was united in marriage with Bertha A. Barth. She was a life-long resident of Quincy, her death occurring here April 1, 1914. Three children were born into their home, namely: Edgar J., in business with his father; Clarence F., in the hardware business; and Wilbert B., attending school. In politics Mr. Ruff is independent, voting regardless of party restrictions. He is an active member of the Park and Boulevard Association, and was influential in raising the first money for the purchase of South Park. He is one of the directors of the Quincy Hotel, and was greatly interested in the development of oil fields in Plymouth, Illinois.

During the war Mr. Ruff was greatly interested in improving safety devices in aeronautics, and invented a quick opening, variable speed parachute. He also has patents pending for preventing aeroplanes taking fire, thus obviating loss of valuable lives.

GEORGE E. STAUFFER, whose home is in section 13 of Beverly Township, seven miles northwest of Baylis and thirty-four miles southeast of Quincy, has had a straightforward, consistently successful career as a farmer and stockman. Anyone familiar with farming and farming conditions in Adams County will confirm that statement, and it is evident that Mr. Stauffer would be completely satisfied to be ranked among the able farmers of the county, since he has always centered his interests on agriculture and apparently has cared nothing for those public honors which are frequently conferred upon men of his standing.

Mr. Stauffer was born on the old home farm close to the noted Mound Farm October 23, 1863. His parents were George W. and Elizabeth (Cunningham) Stauffer. George E. Stauffer is a nephew of the late Christopher Stauffer, at one time one of the largest land owners in Adams County and proprietor of the Mound Farm above mentioned. George W. Stauffer was a son of Jacob and Nancy Stauffer, who came from Pennsylvania to Adams County in 1837. George W. Stauffer died in January, 1907, at the age of seventy-four. On coming to Adams County Jacob Stauffer located on land now constituting the

home farm of W. R. Sykes, a mile and a half south of George E. Stauffer's farm. He spent the rest of his life there. Elizabeth Cunningham was a native of Holmes County, Ohio, daughter of John and Christine (Carbaugh) Cunningham. The Cunningham family lived north of Beverly. George W. Stauffer came to rank with his brother Christopher as a leading farm owner and stockman in this county. He acquired about 1,400 acres of land, and was an extensive feeder of cattle and hogs. He survived his wife one year. He was one of the most ardent republicans in a democratic county and held some of the township offices. He and his brother Christopher were among the leaders in establishing the Mound Prairie Christian Church. George W. Stauffer and wife had nine children: Margaret, living at Baylis, widow of William Davidson; Elizabeth, who lives at Oakdale, Nebraska, widow of Milton W. Moore, who died at Oakdale in January, 1919; Sarah Kate, wife of Frank Grammar, of Kearney, Nebraska; Caroline, wife of William Huffmaster, of Macksville, Kansas; Emma, who died at the age of thirty-six, the wife of William Mixer; Charles, who lives near Barry in Pike County; George E.; Jacob, a banker at Baylis; and John, a farmer and auctioneer at Griggsville, Illinois, and owner of the old Stauffer farm in Adams County.

George E. Stauffer lived at home to the age of twenty-two. His father then gave him his present place of 185 acres and with that as a nucleus he has steadily promoted his holdings until he is now owner of 1,040 acres. The home farm comprises 600 acres all in one body, and he has 400 acres  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles away. Most of this land he acquired in an era of cheap prices, ranging from \$40 to \$75 an acre. One farm now occupied by his son comprises 240 acres of bottom land. Mr. Stauffer invested a large amount of money in tilling this land, and it is now the most productive soil he has. On another farm he has a tenant, being in partnership in the matter of stock and improvements. His home place of 600 acres comprises a model stock farm. He has kept as high as 2,000 sheep and at present has 250 breeding ewes. He also has from 125 to 150 cattle. He buys stock cattle on the Kansas City markets and turns them off direct from the grass to the market in the fall. It has been his practice to feed from four to six carloads of hogs every season. He takes pride in the improvements on his farm, especially good barns. While his home is not the largest it is one of the most desirable and attractive home properties in Beverly Township. Mr. Stauffer is a republican voter. Though not a member, he has served as a member of the building committee and has done much to promote the welfare of the Mound Prairie Christian Church, of which Mrs. Stauffer is a member.

November 27, 1895, Mr. Stauffer married Miss Mary Wells. She was born on the old Wells farm two miles northwest of where she now lives February 24, 1877, daughter of Francis and Serena (Bimson) Wells. Her father was born in Adams County and her mother came from Ohio. Her father died in 1904, at the age of fifty-eight, and her mother two years later, aged fifty-six. Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer have two sons. Ray E. has the complete operation and management of the 240 acre farm of his father above noted. He married Ezma Robertson, member of the well known Robertson family of this county. They have two children, Analu and Silber Ray. Roy L. Stauffer, second son of Mr. Stauffer, was educated in Eureka College and is now a partner with his father in the stock and operations of the home farm. He was in Class A of the draft but was never called into active service.

**WILLIAM MARK HUFFMAN.** Since early times Beverly Township has had a reputation for its well improved farms and its capable farmers. One of the men who are doing much to uphold this reputation at the present time is William Mark Huffman, whose place is  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles east of Beverly Village.

Mr. Huffman when a boy worked out as a farm hand, and he knows every phase of country life, that of farm hand, renter, land owner, and has not only



made money at farming but has always kept his land constantly improving and increasing in value.

He was born at Georgetown in Vermilion County, Illinois, February 8, 1861. He comes of a family of pioneer ministers. His grandfather, Samuel Huffman, was of German parentage, and spent most of his life as a circuit rider and minister. He was in Missouri during the Civil war, and carried the gospel to various other states. Rev. Pleasant B. Huffman, father of William M., was born in Tennessee and during his boyhood his parents moved to Georgetown, Vermilion County, Illinois. His father at one time had preached in Adams County, but did most of his work in Missouri and later went to Texas. Pleasant also became a circuit rider and for several years was on the circuit including Adams County. For two years he was located at Beverly, and spent two years at Lima. Many of the old timers remember him in Pike, Adams and Hancock counties. His later years were spent at Berdan in Greene County, Illinois, where he died in October, 1892, at the age of sixty-two. He was a man of great ability and led several stirring revivals, one of the most successful being held at Kinderhook. Pleasant Huffman married Nancy Clifton. She is now living at Whitehall, Illinois.

William Mark Huffman is now the only member of his father's family in Adams County. He received the equivalent of a grammar school education and as a boy worked out on farms. One of his early employers was Jacob Funk of Beverly. While there he became acquainted with Miss Emma Sykes, and they were married January 15, 1882. Mrs. Huffman is a daughter of James Sykes, of a notable family in Adams County to which especial attention is paid on other pages.

Mr. Huffman at the time of his marriage became associated with his father-in-law for five years and then he and his brother-in-law, Frank Sykes, operated as partners for a similar period. On dissolving the partnership each rented a farm until 1896, when William Mark Huffman bought the old Sykes homestead. Most of the buildings on this land were erected in the time of Mr. Sykes. In one particular Mr. Huffman has effected a conspicuous change. Like many other farms the fields were set off by the old fashioned hedge fences. Most of this has since been removed and Mr. Huffman has replaced it with post and wire fences. He continued the active management of the farm until five years ago, when he rented it to his two sons. He and his wife then lived for three years in Beverly Village, but two years ago they returned to the farm and Mr. Huffman now gives it his personal attention. It is a fine farm and the home is one of the best in the township, standing on a slightly elevation. Mr. Huffman has filled most of the township offices, being clerk six years, and also supervisor. He is a republican. Some years ago he was called upon to make some repairs on the local telephone line, and that may be said to have given him a permanent interest in telephone work. He and associates bought the line leading from Baylis to Hadley, passing through Beverly, and he has since been a director of a local company and is manager of the Beverly switchboard.

Mr. and Mrs. Huffman are the parents of four children: Laura, wife of Dr. George A. Lierle, of Burton; William M.; Elsie, Mrs. Raymond Sykes, of Beverly Township, and they also own a homestead at American Falls, Idaho; and Frank. Mr. Huffman's son William M. is now a farmer at Amberg, Wisconsin. The son Frank L., who married Nellie Rhodes, is a farmer west of Beverly.

JAMES SYKES was one of three brothers, John, William and James, all of whom became prominent in the early history of Beverly Township.

James Sykes was born at Huddersfield, England, in 1819, son of James and Hannah (Hurst) Sykes. Their three older children, Mary, William and James, were all born at Huddersfield. The family came to America in the fall of 1821, and another son, John, was born in New York in 1824. James Sykes, Sr., in England was foreman in a cloth dressing establishment, a factory where the finest



cloth was manufactured. He came to America in advance of his family and located at Manhattanville, now a part of New York City, where he found employment. He sent for his family, who were twenty weeks in crossing the ocean. In 1834 James Sykes, Sr., brought his family west to Illinois. He made the trip with the Robertson family, elsewhere referred to in these pages. At that time the only other resident of Beverly Township was Esariah Mayfield, near the present Mound Prairie Church on section 21. He had located there only the preceding spring. The Sykes and Robertson families made the entire journey westward by the water route. They went up the Hudson River to Albany, thence by canal to Buffalo, around the lakes to Cleveland, across the State of Ohio by canal to Portsmouth, and thence down the Ohio and up the Mississippi to Quincy. Between Quincy and Beverly at that time there were only five houses. It was an era of pioneer things, and the Sykes family did their first farming operations with ox teams, with the wooden moldboard plow, with grain cradles, and threshed their grain by tramping and flailing. Mr. Sykes secured the southeast quarter of section 21. His home was half a mile south of the Mayfield home. He and his son William lived with the Mayfields while the first log house was being constructed. He died at the old home in June, 1852, at the age of sixty. He had survived his wife, Hannah, about two years. In the meantime he had bought other land, so that he could give each child a farm. He served as a justice of the peace and when the county seat was moved from Columbus to Quincy he was appointed a county officer, by Governor French, but never qualified. His sons William, James and John all settled near him, and his daughter Mary became the wife of Jacob Funk, whose son, William Funk, still lives on an adjoining farm. The oldest son, William Sykes, was born April 17, 1817, and died in July, 1884. He married Eliza G. Raymond. He was a justice of the peace thirty years and school treasurer twenty-eight years.

James Sykes, Jr., was only two years old when the family came to New York and was fifteen when they settled in Beverly Township. In 1849 he married Miss Mary Ayers, who was born in New Jersey in 1830 and died April 1, 1873. In 1850 he bought the land where his daughter Mrs. Huffman lives at \$4 an acre. He owned 440 acres there and also 325 acres three miles away. He became one of the leading farmers of the township and about 1888 he bought property on Diamond Hill in Barry, where he spent his last years in retirement. He died at Barry July 21, 1906. At one time he owned land not only in Beverly Township, but property in Nebraska and Minnesota. He was a noted figure in the life of the county not only by reason of his possessions but by his unusual character. The first presidential vote he cast was for Martin Van Buren. Later he became a republican when that party was organized and never deviated from a stanch allegiance therewith. For thirty years he was a school director, and he also served on the school board at Barry and as chairman of the board of health. He was very systematic in everything he did, and all of his life kept a diary. He was also correspondent for local papers and was ever ready with the courage of his convictions to defend his views. He had that moral stamina so valuable to every community in that he was not afraid to report any misdemeanor which came to his official view. He was a radical temperance man, and fought vigorously for anything he conceived to be for the benefit of the community. In old age he became a member of the Masonic Lodge at Barry and the Masons had charge of his funeral. The sermon was preached by Rev. W. M. Hailey, an old friend. Such a man inevitably leaves a deep impress upon his community, and as such his memory is deeply cherished. It was characteristic of him that he practically settled his estate before his death, giving each of his children the equivalent of about \$10,000.

By his first marriage he had eleven children, six of whom are yet living: Hannah, wife of Aaron House, of Cresbard, South Dakota; Elizabeth, Mrs. J. O. McClain, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Joseph, who married Martha E. Holt

and lives at Colorado Springs, Colorado; Emma, wife of William M. Huffman; Frank, who married Eliza Hill and is a retired resident of Macomb, Illinois; and Hattie, Mrs. Frank Lawson, of Barry.

November 25, 1875, he married Martha Cunningham, of Barry, Illinois, formerly of Harrison County, Ohio. She came to Barry, Illinois, in 1867. She survived her husband only three weeks.

**JOHN WILLIAM HENDRICKS.** The people of Richfield Township long knew and admired the late John William Hendricks, regarded as one of the best farmers and public spirited citizens of that locality. Mr. Hendricks had retired only a short time from his farm to the Town of Barry when his death occurred December 15, 1918.

He was only sixty-two years of age, having been born in Richfield Township July 26, 1856. His parents were James and Sarah (McClellan) Hendricks, who came from Ohio to Adams County at a very early date. They settled three miles from Kingston in Richfield Township. James Hendricks lived to a good old age, and his widow is now living with her daughter Mrs. John Pennell.

John W. Hendricks spent his boyhood on the farm and had a common school education. At the age of twenty-three he married Elvira McLean, a neighbor girl in Richfield Township. After his marriage he devoted his time steadily to farming in that township, and after a few years bought the old home place. He was quite successful in handling his resources and pursued a policy of mixed farming, raising grain and feeding hogs.

He was always interested in local affairs and for twenty years held the office of road commissioner and was also a school director. He was a good and loyal democrat and a member of Northcutt Chapel of the Methodist Church. He was laid to rest in the Barry cemetery. He was also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. Outside of his business as a farmer and as a local citizen he became widely known as a drummer. He had taken up that art when a boy, was an expert, and for years his services were in demand at nearly all the rallies. The last time he appeared in that capacity was the celebration over the signing of the armistice in 1918, when he drummed at Barry and at Kinderhook.

Mr. Hendricks lost his first wife in 1900. On June 7, 1903, he married Mrs. Alice Mixer, of Beverly Township, daughter of William and Mary (Costello) Manker and widow of Alexander Mixer. She was married to Alexander Mixer at the age of twenty-six, and they lived together for seventeen years, until his death. Mr. Mixer was a farmer in Beverly Township. Mrs. Hendricks has one son by her first marriage, Vernon Mixer, now a farmer at Bunston, Missouri. Mr. Hendricks continued to live on the old Hendricks farm of 200 acres six miles north of Barry in Richfield Township until October, 1918, at which date he retired to a comfortable home in Barry and died there a few weeks later, as above mentioned. By his first marriage he was the father of eight children: Myrtle, wife of Samuel Gamble, living on the old Gamble farm in Richfield Township; Daisy, Mrs. Harry Funk, on the old Predmore farm in Pike County; Grover of Jacksonville, Illinois; Nellie, wife of George Burroughs, of Kinderhook; James, a farmer in Payson Township of Adams County; Ila, wife of Leonard Wickenkamp, living near New London, Missouri; Basil, who now lives on the old Hendricks farm; Blanche, wife of George Long, a railroad man living at Sedalia, Missouri. Mr. Hendricks had no children by his second wife. They took Viola Woodworth, his granddaughter, at the age of three years, and she is now a young schoolgirl living with Mrs. Hendricks.

**ELMER C. CLARY.** One of the well located and highly productive farms of Columbus Township is the place of Elmer C. Clary in section 13. Mr. Clary is one of the younger farmers but has made such good use of his time and op-



portunities that he has already accumulated 176 acres in a body, well improved between cultivated fields and pastures, with a good eight-room house, two barns, one for stock and the other for grain, and various other buildings which give him a complete equipment for all the varied industry that goes on at his farm.

Mr. Clary bought this place eight years ago. He came here from Liberty Township, where he was born July 8, 1889, and was reared and educated in the locality. His parents were Patrick and Sophia (Schwartz) Clary. Both are still living. His father was born in Payson Township of this county of Irish parentage, and his mother is a native of Liberty Township and of German parentage. Both families were early settlers in Adams County, and the grandparents on both sides died in advanced years. The Clarys were Catholics and the Schwartzs were Lutherans in religion. Patrick Clary and wife were married in Liberty Township and have spent their lives there as farmers. They are now about sixty-five years of age. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church and the father is a democrat. They had three sons, Edward and Elmer C., twins, born July 8, 1889, and Audrey, who was also born in Liberty Township and after a good education in high school and business college became a bookkeeper and is so employed today in Chicago. The son Edward is a farmer near the Lost Prairie School House, where he and his brothers were educated and where their mother also obtained her schooling. Edward is now married and lives in Columbus Township. His wife was Amelia Herman.

Elmer C. Clary married in Liberty Township Cora Erke. She was born in Columbus Township in 1881 and attended the Wolf Ridge School. Her father, Fred Erke, died in 1912, at the age of sixty-three. He was born in Germany, came to the United States when a boy with his parents, and married in Columbus Township Amelia Schultz. She was born in that township and is still living at the age of about seventy. Mr. and Mrs. Clary lived on a farm in Liberty Township until they removed to their present place. They had two children, Earl, who died when sixteen days old, and Vera, who was born January 16, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Clary are members of the Wolf Ridge Christian Church.

WILLIAM FUNK, now living retired at his country home a half mile south-east of the Village of Beverly, is a member of one of the old and interesting families of Adams County. Perhaps the distinguishing characteristic of the Funk family has been skillful and honest workmanship, whether in mechanical lines or as farmers and business men. No higher compliment could be paid any family than this.

Especially deserving of memory is his father, the late Jacob S. Funk, who was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, May 25, 1818, and died in Adams County December 1, 1901. He was a son of Abraham and Susanna (Stoner) Funk. The Funk family came to Adams County in 1835, in the very early pioneer epoch, and settled in Richfield Township,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Kingston. Abraham died a few years later and his wife, Susanna, spent her last years with her children. She died July 30, 1866, at the age of seventy-three, and was laid to rest in the Mound Prairie cemetery.

On December 2, 1838, Jacob S. Funk married Miss Mary Sykes, who was born April 24, 1815, at Huddersfield, England, and was a daughter of James and Hannah (Hurst) Sykes. The Sykes family came to Adams County in 1834, and this publication contains several references to members of the family. Mrs. Funk died in January, 1877.

Jacob S. Funk was a successful business man, but is perhaps best remembered for his remarkable skill as a cabinet maker and wood worker. For a great many years he was the local undertaker in Beverly Township. He had his shop on his farm three quarters of a mile southeast of Beverly until it was burned. He employed the leisure of old age in manufacturing some marvelous specimens of cabinet making. They chiefly took the form of jewelry boxes.



They were wonderfully and cleverly made, and contained much inlay work in patterns. In his eighty-third year he made such a box and put upon it his signature with the date July 25, 1901. That is still carefully preserved by his family. The box contains 5,100 distinct pieces of wood. Several such boxes he gave away as presents to his children. He learned his trade in early life in Quincy, and no finer workman in that line ever lived in Adams County. Besides his business and trade he owned a farm of 200 acres in Beverly Township. This land is now owned by his sons William and Frank, Sr., and is operated as a farm by the son of William Funk. Jacob S. Funk was a republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church at Beverly. He was a man of good address, a fluent talker, and for many years was superintendent of the Sunday school. He and his wife had nine children, eight of whom reached mature years: Mary Ann, wife of Thomas Shepherd, now living at Zephyrhills, Florida; James, who died at Beverly at middle age; Charles H., who died in 1877, when past thirty years of age; George, who died at the age of twenty-one; William; John, who died in middle age; Frank, who lives near Barry in Pike County, Illinois; Nellie, wife of Orlando Havird, near Barry.

Mr. William Funk was born at Quincy October 8, 1848, and when three weeks old his parents moved to the farm which became his future home. He spent his early days there and attended the local schools.

December 29, 1874, he married Hannah E. Kelly, daughter of Frazy and Hannah (Raymond) Kelly, of a well known family of Adams County. She was an infant when her mother died and grew up with her aunt, Mrs. William Sykes, whose maiden name was Eliza G. Raymond, and her sister, Hannah Raymond. As a boy with his father William Funk acquired a skillful knowledge of the cabinet making trade. He worked at the carpenter's bench from 1871 for ten years, doing largely local work. For some years he lived on the William Sykes farm. He became interested in the manufacture of water tanks for farmers. These tanks were equipped with heaters. His brother Frank invented and patented the first tank heater in the United States. William Funk built up a considerable business in this line and continued it until about ten years ago. Since then he has lived rather quietly on his present farm, which he bought in 1887. Mr. Funk and his brother Frank at the death of their father secured the old Funk place and, as above noted, own it and for some years operated it in partnership. Mr. Funk has a comfortable home and forty acres of land, which was the old Robertson homestead, and he has built a new house and barn and made other improvements. Like his father he has employed his leisure in doing some neat cabinet work, especially in making home furniture.

Mr. Funk has always been a republican in politics. He served nearly ten years as township assessor, and was also a supervisor. He has owned land in other localities, but all his interests are now concentrated at Beverly. He is not a member of any church or fraternity. His wife is a Methodist.

Mr. and Mrs. Funk have two children. The daughter, Mabel E., is the wife of S. C. Lawson, who for several years has done work in oil development around Tulsa, Oklahoma. The son, Frank W., who now operates the old Funk farm and also the home place of William Funk, married Fern Hull, and they have a daughter, Margaret Ruth.

CHARLES F. BISHOP. There is no business which requires for its successful handling more experience and exact knowledge of many complicated conditions than the commission business, especially the handling of poultry, eggs and kindred lines of produce. Capital is of course an essential to such a business, but it is not money but the knowledge born of experience that brings success.

The leading commission man in this line at Quincy is Charles F. Bishop, whose warehouse and offices are located at 220 Front Street. He has been in

his present plant since 1915, and for three years before that was at 101 Front Street, at the foot of Maine. Mr. Bishop has extended his trade connections all over Western Illinois and Eastern Missouri. He is one of the men whose combined enterprise has served to make the Mississippi Valley one of the greatest concentration points for poultry supplies in the world. Mr. Bishop has two feeder plants, one at Hannibal, Missouri, and the other at Keokuk, Iowa. The immense volume of his business is well indicated in the shipment of from twelve to fifteen carloads of poultry every month, and besides this he ships many carloads of eggs and butter. Mr. Bishop has been in this branch of the provision trade for twenty years. For twelve years he was associated with Swift & Company of Chicago, and it was with that great packing house that he acquired his thorough and detailed knowledge of every branch of the business.

Mr. Bishop was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, September 18, 1877, a son of Addison J. and Belle (Powell) Bishop. Trumbull County is one of the oldest centers of settlement in the Western Reserve of Ohio, and the Bishop family were there among the pioneers. Addison J. Bishop in 1880 took his family west to Kansas and settled near Minneapolis in Ottawa County. They were pioneer farmers and homesteaders in that section, and the father lived there until his death in March, 1910, at the age of sixty-five, his first wife having passed away a number of years before, at the age of thirty-eight. He married a second time. Addison Bishop and wife took with them to Kansas two children: Adelbert and Charles F. Adelbert died when about thirteen years of age. After they went to Kansas other children were born: Addie, wife of John J. Jennings, of Ottawa County; William J., who is a druggist at Greeley, Colorado, and by his marriage to Anna York, of Nebraska, has two sons, Daniel and York.

Charles F. Bishop grew up on the Kansas farm and was educated there in public schools. He was about twenty years of when when America entered the war with Spain, and he enlisted and served with the famous Twentieth Kansas Infantry, under the command of one of the most brilliant soldiers in American annals, Fred Funston, who was colonel of the regiment when it went to the Philippines, and who afterwards achieved rank as brigadier-general and as one of the ranking major generals of the United States forces, and died in active service on the Mexican border in 1916. In the Philippines Mr. Bishop had fifteen months of active experience, participated in many battles, was also on detached duty, and was one of the American soldiers who were granted by special act of Congress a medal commending his meritorious service. After returning from the Philippines Mr. Bishop began his employment with Swift and Company in 1900, and left them to take up a business of his own at Quincy.

Mr. Bishop married at Springfield, Missouri, Miss Mabel M. Smith. She was born at Marshfield, Missouri, in October, 1879, but was reared and educated at Springfield. Her father was Isaac Newton Smith, who for thirty years was district manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York and died at the height of his business career in the fall of 1914, when past fifty years of age. Mrs. Bishop's mother was Margaret Butcher, of Pennsylvania, who is still living at Springfield. Mrs. Bishop's brother Lucius M. is married and lives at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and her sister Ada is the wife of John J. Tooker, of Springfield, Missouri, and they have three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop have one daughter, Margaret E., born November 20, 1906, a student in the Webster grade schools. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop are active members of the Presbyterian Church and in politics he is a republican and as the leading representative of his line of business is a member of the Quincy Rotary Club. Mr. Bishop for a man of his age has had an unusual share of Masonic honors and credits. He has taken all the degrees of both the York and Scottish Rite except the thirty-third supreme honorary degree. He is a member of the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery at Quincy, the York







*Adam R Wallace*

Rite, also the Scottish Rite Consistory, and is a member of the Mystic Shrine at St. Louis.

ADAM RANKIN WALLACE, SR. Eighty years ago members of the Wallace family came to Adams County from Kentucky. In Camp Point Township they have been especially conspicuous as farmers, business men and citizens, always conscious of their obligations and well qualified by leadership and ability to perform their civic duties.

The old Wallace homestead is in section 2 of Camp Point Township. Adam Rankin Wallace, Sr., was born at Paint Lick in Garrard County, Kentucky, December 27, 1823. His birthplace was next door to where Uncle Tom's Cabin was written. He was a son of Josiah B. and Mary or Polly (Mason) Wallace. Josiah Wallace died in Kentucky when his children were small, and in 1835 his widow came to Adams County, bringing her children and also a negro slave named Nellie, who lived in this county until her death about 1860. The family made the long journey in wagons drawn by oxen and brought with them only the barest necessities, leaving behind the comforts to which they were accustomed in a state long past the pioneer condition. The first winter was a severe trial to the family accustomed to a milder climate, a secure house and an abundance of provisions; fainter hearts might well have yielded to the inclination to return to the land of their birth. The winter was spent in a cabin 14x14 feet, which remained the home after the family had bought a quarter section in section 2 of Camp Point Township. At that time wild game was abundant, and the young men often killed deer in the woods near their home. Venison at that time was their main source of meat supply.

The children of Josiah B. Wallace and wife were: Mason, who came to Adams County on horseback about a year before his mother; Allen, who was born in Kentucky and died in 1876; Isabel, who became the wife of Jason Wallace; Jennie, who married Seth J. Morey, who was a prominent early day surveyor in Adams County and also at one time conducted a woolen factory at Clayton; James, who was for many years a prosperous farmer and land owner in Camp Point and Houston townships; and Adam Rankin, Sr.

Adam Rankin Wallace Sr. was about thirteen years of age when his mother came to Adams County. He attended the public schools of his native state and of this county. During his mature lifetime he became one of the most substantial farmers and citizens of the county. He owned seven hundred acres in Camp Point and Houston townships, his home being in section 2 of the former township.

The late Adam Rankin Wallace grew up in a political atmosphere saturated with the influence of the great Henry Clay of Kentucky, and when he cast his first vote for president he honored this great whig. Upon the decadence and dissolution of the whig party he joined the republican forces when they first organized and remained steadfast to that party allegiance the rest of his life. He was active and prominent in political affairs and often a delegate to conventions. In religion the Wallace family were adherents of the United Presbyterian Church.

Adam R. Wallace Sr. was one of the organizers of the Adams County Fair Association, and to no one enterprise perhaps did he give more of his enthusiasm and interest. He laid out the grounds of the association at Camp Point, which is now the beautiful Bailey Park, set out most of the trees, and was general superintendent for twenty years. It was in recognition of his splendid services to the organization that in 1882 the Quincy exhibitors at the Fair presented him with a handsome silver ice pitcher.

Adam Rankin Wallace, Sr. died February 10, 1904. On December 31, 1852, he married Sarah Jane Lyle, who died August 13, 1910. With her parents, William and Margaret Lyle, she had come to America from Ireland when she was quite young. In 1902 Mr. and Mrs. Wallace celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Their children were: Mary, who died in infancy; Adam Rankin,

Jr., Mary, wife of T. J. Downing; John R., of Clayton Township; Emma J., who lives on the old homestead with her brother Adam; and Samuel M., mentioned in following sketch.

Adam R. Wallace Jr. and his sister Emma J. have always lived together, she assuming the burdens and responsibilities of keeping and managing the old homestead where both of them were born and have spent their lives. Adam, Jr., was educated in the public schools and he and his sister Emma jointly own the old home of two hundred seventy acres of the Wallace estate, and he also owns 100 acres in a tract across the road from the home. He and his brother Samuel are associated under the name Wallace Brothers, and this is one of the most widely known firms of stock men in the county. Their specialty is pure bred Shorthorn cattle, a strain which their father introduced into this county many years ago. In fact the senior Wallace was the first to import thoroughbred Shorthorns to this part of Illinois, and brought the first animals of pure strain to Adams County in 1859 from Kentucky. This stock has been developed and improved by the Wallaces until the Wallace Shorthorns bear favorable comparison with any specimens of that strain and in some points have marked superiority as individuals.

SAMUEL M. WALLACE is a lawyer by profession, was an active member of the bar of Quincy for a number of years, but has largely given up the profession in favor of stock farming, and is one of the firm of Wallace Brothers of Camp Point, whose particular strain of Shorthorn cattle is not one of the least valuable assets of Adams County farm enterprise. Mr. Wallace is also prominent in other directions, and is one of the best known citizens of the county.

He was born in Camp Point Township March 18, 1867, son of Adam Rankin and Sarah (Lyle) Wallace. Of his parents and ancestry a more detailed account will be found on other pages. Mr. Wallace was reared at the old homestead, attended the local schools, the Maplewood High School at Camp Point, and in 1889 graduated from the law department of the University of Missouri. The next twelve years he spent in handling a successful practice at Quincy. He then returned to Camp Point and was identified with the home farm until his father's death. He individually owns 120 acres in Houston Township and also rents a portion of the old homestead from his brother Adam R. Jr. While the firm of Wallace Brothers concentrate their efforts upon pure bred Shorthorn cattle, Mr. S. M. Wallace has made some individual contribution to the stock raising activities of the county as a breeder of saddle horses.

Mr. Wallace in 1917 was appointed township food commissioner or administrator under the General Food Bureau. He is an ardent republican in politics. Mr. Wallace has an ideal home life. March 24, 1909, he married Miss Maude Mason, of Richmond, Kentucky. Mrs. Wallace was born, reared and educated in Central Kentucky, and possesses many of the charms that traditionally have been associated with Kentucky women for generations. Her parents were John and Sarah (Cornelison) Mason, her father a prominent and wealthy farmer who lives at Richmond, Kentucky. Mrs. Wallace is a most accomplished lady, has rare ability as a conversationalist, and was liberally educated. As a girl she graduated from Madison Institute in Kentucky and later Central University. Prior to her marriage she taught at Richmond, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace have one daughter, Sarah Lyle, born March 18, 1913. This is the only grandchild of the late Adam Rankin Wallace, Sr.

JAMES E. DEMOSS. For many years the DeMoss family has been numerously represented in Columbus and adjoining townships, and their activities and influence in farming, stock raising and general business affairs have been in proportion to their number. One of them is James E. DeMoss, one of the most capable farmers as also a very successful trader and stock man.

Mr. DeMoss is now practically giving all his attention to farming and farm supervision. His home place of 58 acres is in sections 3 and 10 of Columbus



Township, and he also owns eighty acres in section 11 and twenty-seven acres of native timber in another part of that township. His home farm is well improved with good buildings and other equipment, has a large number of graded stock, and he feeds practically every ton of his crops on the place and buys much more. His farm is situated on the old Telegraph Road.

On this farm which is now his home he was born February 14, 1877, and was reared here. He attended the Oakwood District School and also the school at the Village of Clayton. For about four years Mr. DeMoss followed the business of butcher and stock trader at Clayton, and for the past eleven years has occupied the old homestead.

His grandfather, James DeMoss, was born in Ohio of French ancestry. He came to Illinois during the '40s, and married here Margaret White. About that time they settled on the farm in Columbus Township that is now owned by their grandson. They were very active people, successful as farmers, and left honored names. The grandfather died in Columbus Township and his wife at Camp Point. Both were past seventy years of age. They were members of the Christian Church.

John DeMoss, father of James E., was one of a family of sixteen sons and daughters. Two of these sons and four of the daughters are still living and are all married. John grew up on the old homestead, and married at Clayton Nancy Haslett. She was born in Ireland, where her parents both died. She came to this country with brothers and sisters, locating at Clayton. After her marriage she and her husband lived on the old homestead, and they finally moved to the Village of Clayton, where she died March 31, 1916, at the age of sixty. John DeMoss is still living at Clayton, and is still more or less active as a trader. He is a republican and a member of the Christian Church. His children are three in number: James E.; Birdie, who died during the winter of 1918, was the wife of Charles Peacock, of Idaho, and they have a son, John; Ellen Charlotte is the wife of Harry Griffin, a farmer in Allen County, Kansas, and they have a son, Willett.

James E. DeMoss married at Clayton March 14, 1906, Miss Anna Wiggins. She was born in Hancock County, Illinois, in 1884 and was educated in the schools of that county. Mr. and Mrs. DeMoss have the following children: Roy E., born in 1908; Ruby, born November 5, 1914; Glenn Otis, born January 24, 1916; and Ruth M., born March 29, 1918.

W. R. SYKES, farmer of section 35 in Beverly Township, was born at Beverly in 1842 and is the oldest native of the township now residing in it. The farm of 305 acres is now owned in part by his two sons. The seventy-five acres now including the buildings was given him by his father over sixty years ago, and was the last prairie land fenced bordering the road on the "divide" between Quincy and Griggsville Landing.

Mr. Sykes taught fifteen terms of district school and then went to farming. In 1867 he was married to Miss Hattie Eager, who died two years later. In 1882 he was again married, to Miss Adelaide Pottorf, by whom there are four children living, Eliza, Ethel, Walter and Webster, each of whom is the owner of a good farm. Webster is a Mason and Odd Fellow, and Walter is a thirty-second degree Mason. Walter served four months in the army and was under orders to be ready to go to France on short notice when the armistice was signed. In May, 1918, he married Miss Ermytrude Askew, a most estimable and popular young lady. The other three children are at home. Mrs. Sykes has no relatives living in Illinois, but many in Kansas who are prominent citizens.

Mr. Sykes' father was born in Huddersfield, England, in 1817 and died at his home in Beverly Township July 23, 1884. He was treasurer of Beverly Township twenty-eight years and justice of the peace thirty years and before

the present school system examined and gave certificates to all the teachers of Beverly Township.

The mother was born in Beverly, Massachusetts, and with her sister named the Town of Beverly, Illinois. She died January 7, 1877, aged fifty-nine years, two months and twelve days. Her maiden name was Eliza G. Raymond.

Grandfather Sykes was born in Huddersfield, England, August 2, 1792, came to New York City in 1820, and was foreman in the finishing department of a cloth factory. About a year later Grandmother Sykes with three small children started from Huddersfield to join her husband. The vessel became unseaworthy and turning back managed to reach Cork, Ireland, thirteen weeks from the time it left Liverpool. Grandmother went back to Huddersfield, England, took another vessel and arrived at New York after seven weeks' voyage, having spent twenty weeks on the ocean in getting from England to America.

Grandfather Sykes came from New York City to Quincy in October, 1834. He came out to Beverly Township and built the second house in the township and moved into it with his family in November, 1834. Mr. Ezariah Mayfield and family were the first settlers, having built their house in the spring of 1834 and Mr. John B. Robertson and family built the third house in the township and moved into it in the spring of 1835. There is yet on file Grandfather Sykes' naturalization paper dated New York City September 25, 1834, also a commission from Augustus C. French, the eighth elected governor of Illinois, authorizing him to act as assessor and collector of Highland County, dated November 29, 1847.

Highland County was first a part of Adams County, then Marquette, then Highland, and then by act of the Legislature approved February 27, 1847, reverted back to Adams County when the inhabitants persistently refused to organize.

HENRY REES has perhaps the oldest established business as a paving and sewer contractor in Western Illinois. He has been continuously engaged in that line of work at Quincy for twenty-seven years, and his father, whom he succeeded, had the distinction of laying some of the first pavements and constructing some of the first modern sewers in Quincy.

The first pavement laid by Mr. Henry Rees was on Eighth Street, and his first sewer construction was an extensive contract known as the North End sewer. From those initial works to the present time he has handled an immense volume of business of this kind, not only in Quincy but in many surrounding towns. The business of contracting is an uncertain one, involving many unforeseen risks and obstacles, and the most successful contractor is not one who has never sustained a loss but one who has accepted losses as inevitable and at the same time fulfilled the letter and spirit of his contract. That is the business record of Mr. Rees, who grew up in this business under his father.

His father was the late Casper Rees, who took his first paving contract thirty years ago, when he laid the pavement on the entire block around Washington Square. Casper Rees was born in Baden, Germany, in 1831, and married Barbara Durlay, both of whom were natives of Oberkirch. Their first child, Bertha, was born in Germany, and when she was still an infant the family emigrated to America during the '60s, locating in Quincy. Casper Rees was a stone mason by trade, and found employment in that line and at teaming for some years, gradually developing his enterprise until he was the first recognized paving contractor in the city. He died in 1891, at the age of sixty years. His widow survived him four years and was sixty-two years old at her death. In Quincy they were communicants of St. Boniface Church and later of St. Francis Parish, and their bodies now rest in St. Boniface Cemetery. Their living children are: Mrs. Bertha Middendorf, of Quincy; Henry; and Frank, who is a teamster and is married and has a family.

Mr. Henry Rees was born in Quincy, at the corner of Fifth and Vine



streets, October 29, 1870. His early education was acquired in St. Boniface and St. Francis parochial schools, and from school he entered almost immediately into the business of his father. Thus he was well qualified by training and experience to take over the business at the time of his father's death. Mr. Rees has from time to time added modern equipment until he has all the facilities for the successful, prompt and efficient handling of any contract in paving or sewer work. Among the machinery is an immense caterpillar drainage and ditching machine.

Mr. Rees married at Quincy Helen Voigt. She was born in Baden, Germany, in 1872, and came to the United States in 1885 with her aunt, Mrs. George Benz. They took passage on a vessel at Bremen, and from New York City came west to Quincy, arriving here September 3, 1885. Mrs. Rees is a daughter of Ernest and Helen (Kanbe) Voigt. Her father died at Baden in 1917, when about fourscore years of age, and her widowed mother is still living there, at the age of eighty. Mrs. Rees is the only member of her family in this country. She has two brothers, Arthur and George, and two sisters, Marian a widow, and Cecelia, who still reside in Germany.

Eight children were born to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Rees: Frank, who lives in Quincy and married Velley Gartensmeier; Leota, who has completed her education; Helen and Bertha, both students in high school; Carl, in the parochial schools; Walter, aged ten years, also a schoolboy; and Edith and Edward, twins. The family are members of St. Francis Catholic Church, and Mr. Rees is a member of the Western Catholic Union.

**CEYLON SMITH.** Quincy has many kindly and grateful memories of the late Ceylon Smith, who resided here half a century, built up a distinctive industry, became a man of wealth, and used his means and his influence wisely and helpfully to make both a better and greater city. The only surviving representative of his family is his daughter, Mrs. Ella May Lewis, and his five grandsons, whose attainments and service in church, missionary and army work reflects the greatest credit both upon their devoted mother and also their grandfather.

Ceylon Smith was born at Winchester in Cheshire County, New Hampshire, May 5, 1829. His father, Samuel Smith, was also a New Hampshire man, and his first wife, the mother of Ceylon, died in middle age as the result of accident, leaving her son a small boy. The Smiths were old New Englanders of English origin.

Ceylon Smith was reared in his native town and at the age of seventeen went to Springfield, Massachusetts, and learned the molder's trade. He married in Springfield in 1853, Miss Rosala Lee. Their wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. J. B. Ide. Miss Lee was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, and was three years old when her mother died and only ten years when she was orphaned by the death of her father, A. T. Lee. Her father was a Springfield lawyer.

After his marriage Ceylon Smith and wife, accompanied by about a dozen other young couples, came west in 1855 to Alton, Illinois. There he found employment in a local foundry. All but two of the little colony soon left that city, returning east or making homes in other towns. Ceylon Smith and wife and one other couple remained there a year or so. In 1857 Ceylon Smith came to Quincy and soon found employment in a local machine shop. Later he engaged in business on his own account, establishing a foundry at Fifth and Ohio streets. His business was in a fair way to prosperity when the entire plant was destroyed by fire. It was a calamity, and apparently his only resource was to begin the struggle all over again without capital. But a good name and a reputation for honesty and industry stood him in good stead. His friend Lorenzo Bull simply told the young foundryman to draw upon him for all the money he required to re-establish the business, which he did, and was soon



proprietor of another machine shop and foundry at the same location. Later he began concentrating his facilities upon a special line of manufacture, including steam engines and elevators, and more and more worked into the elevator business. Finally his plant was absorbed by the Otis Elevator Company, one of the greatest corporations of its kind in the world, and Mr. Smith was elected honorary president of the company. He retired from business at the age of seventy-two, and after that lived quietly in Quincy until the time of his death on July 6, 1906, at the age of seventy-seven.

He was one of Quincy's successful men and made his success without parting with his hosts of friends and admirers. He was a member and officer in the Baptist Church. He was content to make his outside service count in the world simply as a manufacturer and business man, and after that found his greatest happiness in his home and in the companionship of his noble wife. Mrs. Smith maintained an ideal home and is especially well remembered because of her love for books and flowers. They were married more than fifty years, and in 1903 celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in the presence of relatives and many friends at their home at the corner of Sixth and Oak streets. Mrs. Smith died August 13, 1907. She was born in Massachusetts in 1830. They were the parents of four children, but the three oldest died in infancy.

Ella May, the only daughter, was born at Quincy in 1858, was educated in the City High School, a local college, and also in musical school. She married Dr. James Young Lewis, a graduate of the Philadelphia Medical College. Mrs. Lewis, who resides at 1219½ Maine Street, has devoted her life to the up-bringing and education of her five sons, and in them she still finds her greatest pleasure and satisfaction.

The oldest of these grandsons of the late Ceylon Smith is Ceylon S. Lewis, who is a cement bridge contractor of Muskogee, Oklahoma. He married Glem Ellis, of Oklahoma, and they have a daughter, Rosella Lee.

J. Lee Lewis, the second son, is a graduate of the Quincy High School, of Knox College, and took his theological course in Massachusetts. He was pastor of the Baptist Church in that state and later entered upon his career as a Baptist missionary at Rangoon, India. He married a Massachusetts girl, Minneola Maybery, and she is also a missionary under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Board. They are now located in their chosen field at Burmah, India.

Joseph Elwood Lewis graduated with honors from the Quincy High School, attended Knox College and William Jewel College at Liberty, Missouri, and took his theological work in Massachusetts and in the University of Chicago. He has been a preacher and missionary in the Baptist Church and in March, 1917, enrolled in the Young Men's Christian Association war service and is now with the allied forces in Italy. He was the twenty-first representative of the Young Men's Christian Association to be assigned to the armies in Italy. In 1917 he married Ruth Arnold of Liberty, Missouri.

Kenneth, the fourth son, was also well educated and took up the art and trade of jeweler. In August, 1917, he joined the navy and is now an ensign in the Great Lakes Training Station.

Harold W. Lewis, popularly known among his friends as "Bud" Lewis, graduated with many honors from the Quincy High School, is also a graduate of Beloit College, Wisconsin, and has done much creditable work as a physical director. In 1917 he joined an ambulance corps and is now serving on French soil.

CHARLES WILLIAM PFIEFFER, M. D. A physician and surgeon of finished ability and wide experience, Doctor Pfeffer has enjoyed a large practice at Quincy, has associations that distinguish him as one of the able members of his profession, and is a man who does thorough and conscientious work in whatever he undertakes.

Doctor Pfeiffer comes of an old Hanover family of Germany. His grandparents spent their lives there. His father was a charcoal burner in the government service, was the oldest of a family of seven brothers, and became quite well known in his community, having a liberal education and much ability as a teacher. Among his large family of children was C. Andrew Pfeiffer, father of Doctor Pfeiffer. He was born in Hanover, and as he grew up learned his father's business. He married Fredericka Stecher, whose birthplace was only six miles from that of her husband. They married in 1869, and continued to live in the old country until the early part of 1880, when they came to the United States by way of Hamburg and New York, and on reaching Quincy the father found employment as a pattern fitter in a foundry. He has spent a very active life in this city, and is still a man of energy and resources. He and his wife have been greatly devoted to each other, and are people who enjoy the highest respect and esteem. They were reared as Lutherans but since coming to Quincy have affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church. They have two children, Doctor Pfeiffer and Attilia, who is now the wife of Henry Kehl, a farmer living near Peoria, Illinois.

Doctor Pfeiffer was born in Hanover October 25, 1875, and was five years of age when his parents came to Quincy. Here he attended the public schools to the age of fifteen and since then has been making his own way in the world. Among other employment he was for six years with the Quincy Showcase Company, and while there learned the trade of cabinet maker. In 1896 he used some of his means to enter the Central Wesleyan College at Warrenton, Missouri, where he was a student for two years. At that time he had sketched a future as a minister, but abandoned that idea to prepare himself for medicine. In 1898 he entered Keokuk Medical College at Keokuk, Iowa, and after the full four years' course was graduated in 1902. For his last two years in college he also enjoyed the invaluable experience of assisting Dr. C. E. Ruth in private practice and hospital work in surgery. Doctor Pfeiffer was admitted to practice at St. Louis in 1902, and soon afterward opened his office in Quincy.

He is doubtless best known for his work as a surgeon. In the past fifteen years he has handled many difficult major operations, and the profession and general public have come to look upon him as an authority. When the Boston contracting firm of Webster & Stone were doing a large amount of construction work in this part of Illinois they employed Doctor Pfeiffer as their local surgeon. For the past eight years he has also been examiner for the Prudential Insurance Company, and for fourteen years has been assistant surgeon on the staff of St. Mary's Hospital and is now secretary of the staff. He is also one of the two physicians of the Quincy Board of Health. He is a member of the Adams County Medical Society, Illinois State Medical Society, American Medical Association, and for several years was secretary of the Western Illinois District Medical Society. He is a noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is affiliated with the Elks. In politics he is a republican. Mrs. Pfeiffer is a member of the Lutheran Church.

September 30, 1903, he married Miss Theresa Golm, who was born and reared in Quincy, where her father died in 1884 and her mother in 1902. Her father was for a number of years a general merchant at Seventh and Maine streets. Doctor and Mrs. Pfeiffer have two children: Carl F. H., born in 1906, is now a student in St. James School and Helen H. F., born in 1910, is also in school.

WILLIAM HENRY HEITHOLT is the proprietor of the old Heitholt Homestead in section 22 of Fall Creek Township, thirteen miles southeast of Quincy. The house where he now lives was the scene of his birth October 6, 1881. The old Heitholt farm lies on the uplands in a rather secluded section, on a slightly traveled public road, but in point of cultivation, fertility of soil, general arrangement of buildings and improvements, it is one of the very good farms in



this part of the county. Mr. Heitholt, the owner, is a man of good judgment, good foresight, and his industry has enabled him to handle his inheritance with excellent results.

His father was John H. Heitholt, whose career is noted somewhat at length on other pages. It should be here stated that he was born in Germany March 8, 1833, and came to Adams County in 1846. William Henry Heitholt is a son of his second wife. He secured his present farm in 1918. This farm comprises eighty acres, and he also has 100 acres of bottom land three miles away in the Fall Creek Drainage District. He has made some of the improvements on the land, though the substantial house and barn were erected by his father. Mr. Heitholt rented the farm several years from his mother before becoming its owner.

October 6, 1904, he married Ida Reinebach, member of the well known Reinebach family, to whom further reference is made on other pages. Mr. and Mrs. Heitholt have two children, Roy and George, both attending school. The family are members of the Bluff Hall Congregational Church, and Mr. Heitholt is a member of his local school board.

**SAMUEL D. MOORE.** At one of the highest points in Adams County stands the "Mound Farm," a conspicuous landmark not only for its position, but equally notable for its value, improvements and long established record of successful farming and stock raising. For many years it was owned by the late Christopher Stauffer, elsewhere noted in this work, and is now the home of Samuel D. Moore, but soon to be taken over by his son, Ray E. Moore.

This farm is two miles east of Beverly Village in the township of that name. Samuel D. Moore was born just two miles north of his present home on February 28, 1860, son of Samuel A. and Sarah Margaret (Goodnight) Moore. Samuel A. Moore was born in Iredell County, North Carolina, June 4, 1820. He grew to manhood in Indiana and was married there. Sarah Margaret Goodnight was born in Casey County, Kentucky, and is now living at Timewell, Illinois, having celebrated her ninety-sixth birthday August 19, 1918. Samuel A. Moore on coming to Adams County rented land in Beverly Township, but soon bought a tract in section 11. He acquired 400 acres there, 240 acres in the home place and 160 acres in section 10. He built the present buildings on that farm, but moved to Timewell in 1890, where he died July 21, 1904, at the age of eighty-four. Two years after his death the farm was sold to strangers. Samuel A. Moore after removing to Timewell bought the farm of his son John. The old homestead passed to his sons Paris and Samuel D. Samuel A. Moore and wife were the parents of eight children. John, who died in Chicago at the age of sixty-eight, was one of the noted men in Illinois livestock circles. For many years he farmed at Timewell in Brown County, having left Adams County about 1869. He was a graduate of Abingdon College. In Chicago he founded the Drovers Commission Company, and was one of the leading livestock commission men of the Stock Yards. He served twice as representative to the Legislature, his district including Adams, Brown and Pike counties. Minnie Moore, the second in age, has never married and has devoted her life to her parents, now living with her mother. Hester is the widow of J. H. Amrine and lives in Timewell. Sarah M. is the wife of I. N. Stout, a merchant at Ripley, Illinois. Paris D. lives near Kingston in Richfield Township, this county. Martha died at the age of fourteen, and the next in age is Samuel D. Mary E. is Mrs. Frank Bulman, of Keokuk, Iowa.

Samuel D. Moore was reared and educated in Adams County and October 1, 1891, married Lizzie Stauffer, daughter of the late Christopher Stauffer. In 1893 Mr. and Mrs. Moore moved to the Stauffer farm, better known as Mound Farm, and took the active management when Mr. Stauffer's son Marion T. retired. At that time Mr. Moore rented 320 acres of the place and Mrs. Moore now owns 240 acres of the estate, including the beautiful site and the build-



ings which give Mound Farm its distinctive place in the landscape. Mr. Moore also bought 240 acres of the estate. He has successfully handled livestock for many years, being one of the successful cattle and hog feeders of the county. He has also fed many horses for the market. He has always been too busy for office, and is a democrat in politics, as was his father. Mr. Moore is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife have two children: Ray E., who graduated from the Keokuk High School at Keokuk, Iowa, and now lives in part of the mansion on Mound Farm. He married Ruby Henthorn and they have a daughter Dorothy Irene. Clara F. Moore is the wife of Rex O. Carlock, and they live on the south side of Mound Farm. They have a son, Robert Owen Carlock.

CHRISTOPHER STAUFFER, who was in his time one of the wealthiest men and largest land owners in Adams County, achieved a success as a farmer and business man which made him notable all over Western Illinois. His home, the noted Mound Farm, is now occupied by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Moore.

Christopher Stauffer was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, January 29, 1821, and came to Adams County in 1837. In 1857 he married Sarah Keach, who was born June 1, 1837, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. They were married at Rushville in Schuyler County, Illinois. Christopher Stauffer on coming to Adams County located in Beverly Township, and at that time acquired land which is now included in Mound Farm. He began housekeeping there and in 1870 established the present building site of Mound Farm. His possessions kept growing and expanding under his remarkable energy and foresight, and at one time he owned 720 acres in a body. Altogether he owned fully 1,000 acres. While he made much money by judicious investment in land, most of his income was derived from livestock. He was one of the leading shippers out of the county. He erected the present magnificent country residence at Mound Farm in 1881, and a number of the other commodious buildings there date from his regime. He was inclined to lavish hospitality, and delighted to entertain his numerous friends at his home. While a member of no church, he was one of the most liberal supporters of the Mound Prairie Christian Church. Politically he was a republican.

Christopher Stauffer died at the old home September 12, 1906. He and his wife had three children to reach maturity. There were three others who died young, George, Walter and Nancy. Marion T. Stauffer was associated with his father on the farm until 1893, and is now an oil producer at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Anna B. Stauffer became the wife of R. H. Sykes, a part owner of the old Stauffer farm, and they now live retired at Baylis, Illinois. The third of the children is Mary Elizabeth, wife of Mr. S. D. Moore. Mrs. Christopher Stauffer is still living at the age of eighty-one, is a devout member of the Christian Church and makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Moore.

JOEL BENTON, who comes of some of the oldest and most substantial pioneer stock of New England ancestry in Adams County, has for over twenty years been a factor in business affairs at Quincy and is one of the successful men of that city.

Mr. Benton was born at Mendon, Illinois, January 6, 1871, and is a son of William W. and Caroline M. (Bartlett) Benton. His grandfather, Joel Benton, was born at North Guilford, Connecticut, in the early years of the last century. He was a son of Lot and Hannah (Chittenden) Benton, both natives of that section of Connecticut. Hannah Chittenden was a daughter of Jared Chittenden, and her ancestry was traced back to William Chittenden, who came to America in 1639 and was one of the earliest settlers of the Connecticut colony at Guilford.

Joel Benton after his marriage, accompanied by his two brothers Daniel

and Abram, came west by the overland route and established themselves at Mendon, then known as Fairfield in Adams County. Here they established the first store of the town and their double log house was the first house within the city limits. Joel Benton brought with him across the wilds intervening between Adams County and Connecticut a few pieces of old colonial furniture for his home in the West, and some of that furniture has been carefully preserved and is today in the possession of his grandson Joel at Quincy.

Joel Benton's parents were farming people at Mendon, and his father died there in 1907 and his mother in 1914. His mother was born also at North Guilford, Connecticut. Mr. Joel Benton has one sister, Celia W., born October 10, 1874, now the wife of Henry F. Dayton, of Quincy.

Joel Benton grew up on his father's farm, and at the age of nineteen came to Quincy to attend business college. For about a year he worked in the Quincy National Bank, was then in the artificial ice and produce business from 1891 until 1896. After that he sold farm implements until 1900, and following that was with the Stationer's Manufacturing Company until 1907. In that year Mr. Benton organized the Quincy Laundry Company, but retired from that business in 1916 and has since concentrated his attention upon the cleaning and dyeing industry, being proprietor of the Quincy Cleaning and Dyeing Company.

August 3, 1891, Mr. Benton married Miss Theodora Munger Miles. Mr. and Mrs. Benton have two children: Lois Dudley, born January 27, 1893, now the wife of C. L. Wells, of Quincy; and William W., who was born November 12, 1895, and is associated with his father in business. Mrs. Benton is now chairman of the Hospital Supply Committee for the Adams County Red Cross organization. She and her two children are members of the Episcopal Church, while Mr. Benton is a Congregationalist. He is a republican and his fraternal affiliations are with the Masons, Knights of Pythias, Loyal Order of Moose and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

C. FRED REINEBACH. One of the most capable citizens Fall Creek Township ever had was the late C. Fred Reinebach, whose life was comparatively brief, but was filled with tremendous energy and effectiveness of purpose, not only in behalf of himself and family, but for all the community. His death January 28, 1912, was widely mourned and meant a great loss to his friends and family.

He was fifty-five years of age at the time. He was born November 21, 1856, at St. Louis. When about fourteen or fifteen years of age he came to Quincy with his parents. His people were very poor and he had little opportunity to gain an education, and soon as old enough he was put to some practical employment to earn a living and help support his people. While in St. Louis he worked in a rope and chair factory. He was employed at wages as a farm hand at Tioga in Hancock County, and later went to work for Ernst Pruessner in Fall Creek Township, not far from Fall Creek Station. Later he married the daughter of his employer, Louise Henrietta Pruessner. She was born in Fall Creek Township March 21, 1859, and died March 5, 1882. At the time of his marriage he took charge of the Pruessner farm and continued to live there until his son William Reinebach reached his majority and took possession of it as an inheritance.

October 9, 1883, Mr. Reinebach married Wilhelmina Caroline Albrink. Mrs. Reinebach, who resides on her farm home in section 25 of Fall Creek Township, sixteen miles southeast of Quincy, was born in Hancock County, Illinois, August 26, 1857, and was nine years old when her parents, Adolph and Caroline Albrink, came to Adams County. Mr. and Mrs. Reinebach lived on the old Pruessner farm until the spring of 1899, when they bought the place now occupied by Mrs. Reinebach. This consists of 200 acres and is the old Eli Seehorn homestead. The present substantial home, erected by Eli Seehorn seventy-five years ago, has been a landmark in that part of the county for many years.



*C. Fred Reinhardt*





Altogether it is a splendid upland farm, adapted to all kinds of stock and grain, and has excellent barns and other buildings, and is conducted by Mrs. Reinebach's progressive and enterprising sons. Mr. and Mrs. Reinebach went in debt for part of the purchase price, but the good farming methods of the owner soon provided ample income to pay off all the obligations.

The late Mr. Reinebach was one of the promoters and one of the first commissioners of the Fall Creek Drainage District, which resulted in the reclamation of a large tract of valuable land. He spent much time in these official duties, and did much actual construction of levees himself. He held that office until his death. He was also a school director for many years, was a republican, and was one of the original members and trustee of the Bluff Hall Congregational Church.

The only child of his first marriage was William Reinebach, now a resident of Melrose Township. The children of the second marriage are: Ida, wife of William Heitholt, of Fall Creek Township; George A. H., who rents his mother's farm in Payson Township; Paul F. and Irven C., both of whom were associated in the management of the home farm, until Irven was drafted and is now serving in the Engineer Corps in the army; and Helen S., the youngest, still in the home circle.

Paul F. Reinebach was born September 7, 1889, and has spent all his life at home. He and his brother Irven took charge of the home place at the time of their father's death. Shortly before his death Fred Reinebach had bought the old Lawrence farm of 274 acres in Payson Township, a mile east of Payson. He paid \$14,000 for this fine farm, and it is now operated by his son George. Paul Reinebach on the home farm is giving particular attention to the raising of hogs and markets about 100 every season, and also feeds a number of young cattle. On February 24, 1918, he married Miss Esther L. Spencer, daughter of Harlow M. and Olive Spencer, of Payson Township.

CHARLES W. LEFFINGWELL is branch manager of the Quincy house of the International Harvester Company of America. This position alone carries with it a great weight of responsibility and makes him one of Quincy's leading men of affairs.

His career is a happy illustration of a man who early finds his work and diligently prosecutes it in typical American manner from humble role in a rising succession of responsibilities until earning a prominent place in one of the greatest industrial corporations in the world.

Mr. Leffingwell was born in Wisconsin, of English and Scottish parentage, and was educated in the common schools of that state. In 1881, when merely a boy, he went to work for George Esterly & Sons, afterwards known as the Esterly Harvester Company of Whitewater. Wisconsin, manufacturers of harvesting and grass cutting machines. His first employment with them was as lathe worker. His employers apparently did a good service when they discovered the latent talents of young Leffingwell and encouraged them to complete development. He remained with the firm nine years, and there was not a department he did not go through during his stay with this concern. In 1890 it was proposed that the Whitewater concern should become part of the new organization known as the American Harvesting Machine Company of Chicago, Illinois, but which organization failed to consummate.

Mr. Leffingwell then identified himself with the Walter A. Wood Mowing & Reaping Machine Company of Hoosick Falls, New York, in their branch house at Kansas City as cashier and bookkeeper, but subsequently was sent, after the territory was divided between them and the Walter A. Wood Harvester Company of St. Paul, Minnesota (an auxiliary company), as their general agent to Denver, Colorado. He remained with the Wood concern for several years, his next connection being with the Plano Manufacturing Company of Chicago as one of their four district sales managers, having charge of the

southwestern trade until 1902, when as a result of the consolidation of different interests the Plano Manufacturing Company became a part of the International Harvester Company. The latter corporation continued Mr. Leffingwell as division district sales manager and later appointed him as one of its four general travelers having charge of the southern agencies. In this position he went over the South building up the business. In 1904 he assumed the duties of general agent at Memphis, Tennessee. In 1917 he was transferred in the same capacity at Terre Haute, Indiana. From there in 1913 he came to Quincy and took charge of the company's large distributing plant. Thus for over thirty-seven years he has been in one line of work, and during that entire period was never discharged, and there has never been a time when his abilities have not been fully equal to every demand upon his services.

As manager of the Quincy branch he has had supervision over a large number of counties in Illinois and Missouri. Under his direction there are a large number of travelers, office and warehouse employes. It is evident that business with Mr. Leffingwell is a hobby as well as a source of livelihood. If he has one important recreation away from business it is Masonry. He lives, practices and carries its principles and rituals into his daily life. He takes pleasure in giving his mother, who died at the age of eighty, the credit for his being made a Mason at his majority. She herself at her death was an Eastern Star as well as a True Kindred, both Masonic Lady Auxiliary Lodges. His wife is an Eastern Star.

Mr. Leffingwell was married to Miss Abbie S. Wheeler of Chicago, Illinois. One child, Harold W., came from this union, and who was liberally educated at St. Albans, Knoxville, Illinois, and is a thirty-second degree Mason, having taken his Blue Lodge degree upon reaching his majority. He now is the family's representative in the great European war, enlisting in 1916, before the declaration of war, as a member of the Quincy Machine Gun Company, and remained with this company until arriving at Camp Logan, Houston, Texas, when he was appointed orderly to Brig.-Gen. Henry R. Hill (who was killed in action October 16, 1918). Before leaving Houston he was appointed orderly for General Bell, Jr., commander of the Thirty-third Division, in which position and with whom he remained not only during the war but during the occupation period.

Mr. Leffingwell is an Episcopalian, a Knight Templar, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner, an Elk, a member of the Young Men's Christian Association and Travelers' Protective Association, and a director in the Quincy Country Club. His seeming regrets are that he was not born in Quincy, for of all cities he has been in, he considers, without exception, that Quincy is one of the prettiest and best in proportion to its population of any city in the Union, that there never was a finer people taking them individually than right here, and it is his one wish that he may spend his remaining days in the city and among the people he loves so well.

ORIE FRANK SCHULLIAN, M. D., F. A. C. S. Quincy has only two surgeons who on the basis of skill and reputation for thorough ability have attained membership as Fellows in the American College of Surgery. One of these is Doctor Schullian, who as a citizen and Christian gentleman is not less esteemed in his community than as a leader in his profession.

Doctor Schullian is a native of Quincy and finished his medical education in the Illinois University Medical Department at Chicago with the class of 1905. He then served a full term as house physician and surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital at Hoboken, New Jersey, and began practice at Quincy in the fall of 1907. Nearly all his work for several years has been in the field of surgery, and it was his recognized talents that gained him membership in the College, admission to which is limited to men of thorough qualifications and sound practical experience as surgeons. He is also a member of the County and State Med-



ical societies, the American Medical Association and the Rochester Surgical Society. For twelve years Doctor Schullian has been a staff member of St. Mary's Hospital at Quincy.

He was born in this city October 8, 1883, and as a boy attended the Catholic parochial schools. He finished his literary education in the University of Missouri, and from there entered the Medical Department of Illinois University.

He is a son of Frank and Louise (Haug) Schullian, both natives of Germany. His mother was reared and educated in Paris and was sixteen years old when she came with relatives to the United States. Doctor Schullian's father came with his parents by way of New Orleans up the Mississippi River to St. Louis and from there to Quincy. Several members of the family have long been well known in Quincy, the old family home being at 1117 Jersey Street, where Doctor Schullian's parents began their married life. The father is a veteran machinist, and for forty-five years was connected with the Gardner Governor Works at Quincy. He is now seventy and his wife seventy-one, and both are still active and vigorous, and they and all their family are prominent in St. Boniface Parish of the Catholic Church.

Doctor Schullian was the only son of his parents. His four sisters Agnes, Lucy, Pauline and Emily, are all married and have children of their own.

Doctor Schullian married at Boulder, Colorado, Sophia M. Tenk, member of the well known Tenk family of Quincy elsewhere referred to. Doctor and Mrs. Schullian are members of St. Peter's Catholic Church. He is prominent as a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus and is also active in the Western Catholic Union.

JOHN H. Cox, secretary of the Tenk Hardware Company, has been a resident of Quincy for a quarter of a century and active in several organizations before he concentrated all his time and abilities with the Tenk Company.

Mr. Cox was born near Burlington, Iowa, on a farm, in 1872, was educated there and completed a course in the Gem City Business College at Quincy. He remained in Quincy and for some years was connected with the wall paper firm of Young Brothers. Then for several years he was with the Tenk Company, and from here went to Spokane Falls, Washington, where he had service with the largest retail store in the Northwest, the Greenough Company. In 1910 Mr. Cox returned to Quincy, and since that date has been associated with the Tenk Hardware Company and was elected secretary of the business in 1913. He has done much to increase and extend the activities of this great hardware house and has proved an invaluable member of the company in organizing and providing a thorough system for all office detail, collections, credits and similar departments of the business.

Mr. Cox married at Quincy Miss Fannie M. Crew. Mrs. Cox was born and reared in Wheeling, West Virginia, and came to Quincy as a student of the Gem City Business College. After finishing her course there she was employed as a stenographer for the Taylor Brothers Milling Company and later with the State Savings Loan & Trust Company. Mr. and Mrs. Cox had one child, Richard Melvin, who was killed in a street car accident June 12, 1914, at the age of ten years. Mr. and Mrs. Cox are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is affiliated with Lambert Lodge No. 651, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Quincy, and in politics is independent.

VANDELEUR ORTON is one of the steady going progressive farmer citizens of Concord Township, proprietor of a fine farm, much interested and successful in livestock husbandry, and of even more importance the head of a home from which radiates many of those distinctive influences that give tone and character to a community. The Orton home is 4½ miles southeast of Clayton.

Mr. Orton is a son of the late Clark Orton, who was born in the Genesee

Valley of New York December 23, 1826, and died on the old farm now owned by his son in February, 1896, in his seventieth year. As a young man he settled in Morgan County, Illinois, and on September 11, 1856, he married Mary A. E. Kellar. Mrs. Clark Orton is still living, and has her home on a farm adjoining that of her son. She was born in Warren County, Indiana, March 4, 1832, and was three years old when her parents moved to Quincy and four years later went to Brown County, Illinois. Her father was a farmer in that locality and died in 1872 at the age of seventy-six, while her mother passed away in 1898, aged ninety-four. Clark Orton was a farmer all his active career. He was much interested in local affairs, serving as school director, and was a republican in politics. Clark Orton and wife had eight children: Rosella, born December 13, 1857, is the wife of William B. May, and now lives in Texas; Berinthia, born in 1859, married John D. Black, and died in September, 1892; Charles F., born in 1861, lives on a farm adjoining his brother Vandeleur; Ida, born in 1863, died in infancy; Eva, born in 1865, married Harvey A. Williams and died in 1901; Vandeleur is the next in age; Clark died in infancy in 1871; and Elsworth, born in 1874, died at the age of thirty-four.

Vandeleur Orton was born on the old farm June 10, 1868, and has spent all his life in that one community. He acquired his education in the local district schools and had charge of the farm during part of his father's lifetime.

March 18, 1896, he married Miss Alta C. Robbins, daughter of Jasen and Sarah (Walker) Robbins, of LaPrairie in Adams County. Her parents are still living near Golden. Mrs. Orton was twenty-three years of age at the time of her marriage. After their marriage they spent six years on an adjoining farm, and then returned to the old homestead, buying out the other interests in the place. They now have 125 acres, and Mr. Orton has constructed a neat home. The barn was built by his brother after the father's death. The first frame building on the land was erected about seventy years ago and was christened "the City of David," its owner being David Orton. That old frame building is still in use. There is an apple tree on the farm that has attained the age of seventy-seven years and is still bearing perfect fruit every two years. This tree is large and vigorous. Mr. Orton does general farming and has been especially successful with livestock. He keeps Shorthorn cattle, Poland China hogs, and has recently developed his swine industry to greater proportions. Mr. Orton is a republican, as was his father, and lives in a democratic township. During the last two years he has been active in the Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives, and all other measures for a vigorous support of the war. He is a member of the Adams County Farm Bureau. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church at Timewell, four miles from their home. This was the same church where his father worshiped. He has been active in the Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. Orton have two talented daughters; Hazel V., the older, is a graduate of the Clayton High School and is now the wife of Otis R. Beckman, a farmer in Concord Township. Mary H., the younger daughter, is in the second year of the Clayton High School. She has a state wide distinction as a student, particularly as a speller. In 1916, when she was only twelve years old, she won the first prize and the banner at Springfield during the state spelling contest. She was chosen out of a large class in Adams County for her proficiency in that line, and thus her triumph was an honor appreciated by the entire county. She was subjected to an extensive written test at Springfield and carried away the honors, though being the youngest contestant in the county and also in the state. Her work has been equally praiseworthy since she entered high school.

HUMPHREY O. LARIMORE has been a member of the County Board of Supervisors for five years, representing Richfield Township, and his special qualifications as a business man and long experience on the board make him one of



its most influential and useful members. Mr. Larimore had one of the fine farms in Richfield Township, located three miles east of Plainville.

As the Larimore family have been in Adams County more than seventy years and receive attention on other pages it is not necessary here to recount in detail the family history of Mr. Larimore. He was born on the home farm in Payson Township June 28, 1886, and is a son of W. O. Larimore. He was educated in the Payson High School and for four years was a successful teacher. He then took up farming as his regular vocation, and after renting about two years bought his present place, comprising 201½ acres. He has made many improvements, including the erection of a new house. He handles his farm largely for stock purposes, feeding cattle and hogs.

Mr. Larimore is a republican in politics and is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having passed all the chairs in the latter lodge.

At the age of twenty-one he married Miss Edna Inman. Mrs. Larimore was born in Kansas and is a daughter of Samuel Inman now living retired at Plainville. They have three children: Carl, Maurice and Donald.

WILLIAM J. REESE is one of the oldest foundrymen of Quincy. He has been in business for himself since 1896 and at his present location at 820 South Twenty-first Street since 1900. He has a well equipped plant for all kinds of brass foundry work, which he supplies to Quincy and other neighboring territories. His business is entirely a product of his own energies and capabilities. He learned his trade during the thirteen years he spent as an employe of the Gardner Governor Works at Quincy. He never served a real apprenticeship. Mr. Gardner took a good deal of interest in developing his natural ability along this line, and he was afforded much opportunity by the owner of that plant to acquire a thorough foundryman's experience.

Mr. Reese was born at Lafayette, Indiana, December 3, 1857. His father, James Reese, died at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1865, when about fifty-four years of age. He was a cigar maker by trade. He had served three enlistments in the Civil war and had previously served in the Mexican war. He carried to his grave a bullet he had received while in the Mexican war. He was shot in the head, the bullet passing partly through his skull and lodging in his temple. Mr. Reese's mother died in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1910, at the age of seventy-four. Her only daughter, Ella, died just ten days later in the same city.

William J. Reese was nine years old when he began to work in a tobacco factory at Pittsburgh. Eighteen months later he found other employment as a messenger boy, and was at that two years. In 1872 he came to Decatur, Illinois, and on July 5, 1873, arrived in Quincy, which city has been his home and the center of his interests for the past forty-five years. For a few months after coming to Quincy he worked in a printing office, also served a three years' apprenticeship at pipe fitting, and worked at that trade for a time in Kansas City. In 1882 he formed his important connection with the Gardner-Governor Works, and thirteen years later took up business for himself.

In November, 1880, at Quincy, Mr. Reese married Amelia Goodapple. She was born May 13, 1859, in Quincy, at the corner of Seventh and State streets, and was reared and educated here. Mr. and Mrs. Reese are the parents of two children, a son, A. Arthur, and a daughter, Mabel. The son Arthur was born in Quincy January 20, 1888, had a high school education, learned the foundryman's trade with his father, and in January, 1917, was taken in as a partner in the business. As a boy he manifested a great interest in military affairs. At sixteen he joined a local company of the National Guards, Company F, and later for a time was in Troop A of the Cavalry at Chicago. He took a course in a preparatory school at Washington, D. C., for a commission in the regular army. He was one of the first to join the Machine Gun Company at Quincy



four years ago when it was organized. He went to Camp Logan at Houston, Texas, early in the present war activities, and was a non-commissioned officer there and just before his command was ordered overseas he was commissioned a second lieutenant, and as such is now serving in France.

The daughter Mabel is a graduate of the Quincy High School with the class of 1910 and is now the wife of W. A. Rothgeb, formerly of Quincy, but now an auditor with the City Light and Power Company at Danville, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Rothgeb have a son, William, four years old.

CHARLES K. KELLY has long been one of the successful farmers and orchardists of Adams County, and has a most attractive home and farm a quarter of a mile east of Beverly Village.

Mr. Kelly was born in the Village of Beverly March 11, 1850. He is a son of Frazy and Hannah (Raymond) Kelly. The Kelly family in several branches has been prominent in Adams County from pioneer times to the present. Frazy Kelly was born in New Jersey in 1818 and came from Woodbridge, that state, to Adams County in 1835. He located in Beverly Township and soon acquired forty acres four miles northeast of the village. The house he built on that land was blown down in a hurricane, and later he sold, and about 1853 bought the place where his son Charles now lives, just east of Beverly Village. This is in section 21. He came to own 135 acres in that vicinity, and he died on the old farm at the advanced age of ninety years and six months. He built a part of the present residence about 1853. He was an ardent democrat, though he never held a public office, and was member of no church or fraternity. He was a good conversationalist, and enjoyed the presence of some genial friends as they enjoyed him. His mental and physical faculties were preserved almost to the end. He and his wife had three sons and one daughter: Josiah R., who was educated in the Medical Department of the University of Michigan, practiced at Bowen, and later at Augusta, Illinois, and for thirty years was a successful physician at Quincy, where he died at the age of sixty-three; John Kelly, who also attended the University of Michigan but graduated from the Medical School at Keokuk and practiced in Quincy for a number of years; Charles K., and Hannah, who was an infant when her mother died and she became the wife of William Funk.

Charles K. Kelly grew up on the old homestead and at the age of twenty-one took charge of the farm. He has forty acres in the home place and also owns  $93\frac{3}{4}$  acres just north of the Village of Beverly. He still gives his active superintendence to the farm and orchard. In the line of stock he raises Polled Angus and Hereford cattle. Mr. Kelly has a highly developed orchard of fourteen acres, planted to well tested market varieties of apples. He has long been looked upon as one of the most successful apple growers in the county. He was one of the first to adopt a regular routine and policy of spraying his fruit. He demonstrated its importance and value and for a number of years he has made a standing offer of a dollar for every wormy apple that could be found in his orchard. He gives his personal supervision to the pruning, spraying, fertilizing and cultivating the orchard. In 1917 he and his two sons shipped 2,300 barrels of choice fruit.

At the age of twenty-two Mr. Kelly married Mary Predmore. She died seven years later, leaving one son, Alvadore Kelly, who is now a farmer near Beverly. Mr. Kelly married for his second wife Martha G. Bonham. That companionship was continued for thirty years, until Mrs. Kelly's death. She was the mother of two sons, Emmet F. and Raymond. Raymond is now a successful dairyman at Modesto, California. Emmet F. owns a farm of 303 acres west of Beverly, his brother Alvadore being in partnership as owner of the farm. These brothers are also proprietors of a large fruit and vegetable store in Chicago, Emmet living in that city and giving his personal supervision to business. The store specializes in the home grown apples raised in the Kelly

orchards in Adams County. Nearly all the fruit that Mr. Kelly ships goes to the Chicago store.

CARL PEINE. Thousands of Adams County people knew Carl Peine as the genial proprietor and most successful manager of the Quincy resort known far and wide as "No. 9" at 526 Hampshire Street. The business which he established and built up, beginning during the Civil war, has been continued through his capable son, and altogether "No. 9" has been patronized by the public for over seventy years. There was a saloon at that number as early as 1845.

Carl Peine was born in Westphalia, Germany, August 10, 1829, and represented an old and prominent Catholic family of that province. One of his uncles was a bishop in the Catholic Church in Westphalia. Carl Peine grew up there and saw some severe service as a soldier. He took part in the war against Denmark, and during the siege of Schleswig was wounded seven times, having six wounds in the legs and one just over the heart. For several weeks he lay unconscious, but finally recovered and saw service again as a soldier in the revolution of 1848. In 1858 he came to the United States on a sailing vessel and was seven weeks on the voyage to New Orleans. While on that boat he met Miss Johanna Thieleman. She was born at Goslar, Hanover, July 14, 1836. She is still living at the advanced age of eighty-two. As a young girl in Germany she was awarded a gold medal for her skill as a cook. She had much to do with the success of "No. 9," especially in its kitchen and service. Some years ago she entertained a large party of city councilmen from Chicago, and was given a fine token of their appreciation of her repast.

From New Orleans Carl Peine and Miss Thieleman came up the river to St. Louis, and shortly afterward to Quincy. They were married at Quincy in 1860, in St. Boniface Church. Carl Peine was first employed in the Lubbe general merchandise house, and his wife was employed as a maid. Later he established Uncle Sam's Headquarters, but lost the building and stock during the war by fire. Then, in 1864, he acquired the property known as "No. 9" and continued it as a high class resort for over thirty years. He erected a substantial building, 29x70 feet, and also had a summer garden. He was diligent in looking after his business until ten days before his death. He died July 14, 1897, on his wife's sixty-first birthday. Carl Peine also owned considerable other property, including a farm in the Indian Graves Drainage District, and some property in the city. He was a lifelong republican, and while never an office holder was much interested in local affairs.

He and his wife had five children. Carl Anton died in 1910, at the age of fifty years. He married Anna Huston Hinchman, who now lives in California, and has two children, Carl and Norma. The second son, William, died in infancy. Henry, who died in 1893, at the age of thirty, married Rose Pfirman, his death occurring just six months after their marriage. Robert H., who is associated with his brother Frederick A. in managing the business, married Anna Glazes, and they have a son Robert H., Jr., a student in high school. Frederick Albert, the youngest child, was born at the old home place at 526 Hampshire Street, April 2, 1873. His brothers were also born there. He grew up and was educated in the city schools and after his father's death became manager of "No. 9," and its continued success is largely a tribute to his energy. He also manages the farm of 120 acres formerly owned by his father.

In the late '60s or early '70s Quincy had a great saengerfest or singfest, during which the minister from Prussia took part and was a guest of Carl Peine and when he left he gave Mrs. Johanna Peine as a token for services a beautiful fan, which she still retains. In 1858 when Lincoln and Douglas held their famous debate in Washington Park "No. 9" had the honor of having both visit it, and the same posts that both stood close to and the bar top are still there and in use. The place during the '60s and '70s was patronized also by some of the most prominent attorneys of the country as well as some very prominent



members of the State Legislature, who if still living, will remember some very pleasant hours spent in "No. 9."

FRED WILLIAM ECHTERNKAMP. When a man starts life as a hard worker and struggling against adverse circumstances at an age when most boys are in school, and finally masters the problems of life so as to gain the object of his ambition for material success, it is with genuine admiration that people regard the results of his enterprise and diligence.

The late Fred William Echternkamp, of Fall Creek Township, had such a career. He was one of a number of early settlers there who had at first to depend upon wages of work by the day or month, and through a frugal and industrious course eventually acquired a fine property. He was an excellent citizen, public spirited in all ways, and the memory of his life and character is still an asset of the community.

He was born in Westphalia, Germany, February 4, 1835, and died at his old home in this county April 3, 1913, aged seventy-eight years, one month and twenty-seven days. He was educated in the schools of his native country, and at the age of eighteen came to America. His parents, Casper Echternkamp and wife, also came to this country. Casper later went to Nebraska with his three sons: Gottlieb, Fred and Herman. One son, Henry, died in Quincy.

Fred William Echternkamp came to manhood in Fall Creek Township, and before he was twenty-one years of age married Miss Hannah Fleer, who was born in Germany, September 25, 1837. She came to this country with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Casper Fleer. Her mother, Anna Fleer, died when about eighty-two or eighty-three years of age.

The first land bought by Mr. Echternkamp was twenty acres. It had a three-room log house, and in that humble home all his children were born. About 1875 he bought eighty acres a mile east of his first home. That had a good house, and he soon afterwards erected a barn. Later he acquired another eighty acres adjoining, giving him 160 acres in the home farm. The second eighty also had a group of buildings and improvements. He also retained the original twenty acres and his estate kept on growing until he had about five hundred acres, divided into three complete farms. His industry as a stockman helped raise the standard of the horses, mules and cattle in his community. He was a democrat in politics, a member and trustee of the German Lutheran Church, and served in many relations with the community, including the offices of tax collector, school director, road commissioner, etc. For many years he was identified with the Bluff Hall Congregational Church, and at his death was laid to rest in the church cemetery. His widow survived him about four years, passing away September 14, 1917.

He and his wife had eight children, and six reached mature years: Henry G., born February 10, 1857, and died July 16, 1918, special reference being made to him on other pages; William H., born February 23, 1863, died at the age of twenty-one; Minnie, born February 10, 1865, died in 1889, unmarried; Hannah, born March 16, 1868, died when a young woman; John A., referred to in a following paragraph; and August F., born October 20, 1873, who died a few days after his brother William, at a time when nearly all members of the family were ill.

John A. Echternkamp, who has followed in his father's footsteps and has done much to keep up the reputation of the old farm as a center of productive activities, was born in a three room loghouse across the road from the Bluff Hall Church in Fall Creek Township August 11, 1870. All his life has been spent on his farm, and he looked after his parents as long as they lived. On November 1, 1891, he married Elizabeth Speckhart, member of the well known Speckhart family to whom repeated reference is made in these pages. Mrs. Echternkamp was twenty years of age at the time of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Echternkamp have a fine family of children, named John, Hannah, Margaret, Henry, Fred, Carl, Katie, Adam and Ella. All are still at home except







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the two older. John married Louise Althoff, and is a farmer near the home-  
stead; Hannah is the wife of Fred Althoff, of Quincy.

EDWARD MORRIS HODGDON is one of Quincy's business men who are responsible for the supply of milk of wholesome and standard quality to the people of that city. It is a service second to none in value and importance, and under Mr. Hodgdon's careful and energetic direction it has become a business of substantial character and profitable returns to himself.

Mr. Hodgdon was born in Quincy May 1, 1883, and is connected with some of the old families of this county. His grandfather, Watson Trowbridge, had the distinction of hauling the first load of freight across the Quincy bridge. Mr. Hodgdon is a son of Charles F. and Alice (Trowbridge) Hodgdon, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Ohio. His father came to Quincy in 1868, was a carpenter by trade, and later conducted a planing mill. Both parents are now living at Hannibal, Missouri. They had four children: Frank, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Hannibal, Missouri; Edith, deceased; Edward M.; and Louise, at home with her parents.

Edward Morris Hodgdon began his education in the Quincy public schools and when a boy went with his parents to Hannibal. There in 1900, at the age of seventeen, he obtained his first experience in the milk business, and has been in that one line ever since. Having acquired a thorough knowledge of the industry and having accumulated some capital through thrift and careful saving, Mr. Hodgdon came to Quincy in July, 1914, and built a plant for pasteurizing and handling milk. He gets his raw milk supply from Missouri plants, and handles, pasteurizes and distributes about 275 gallons per day. The business is rapidly growing.

June 21, 1911, Mr. Hodgdon married Ruth Brown, a native of Monroe City, Missouri. Politically Mr. Hodgdon is a democrat, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

DR. EDWIN F. STANNUS. The History of Adams County would not be complete without the biography of Dr. Edwin F. Stannus, the leading specialist in Quincy, and one of its substantial citizens.

The Stannus family is a native of our sister State of Iowa, both his father and grandfather having been born in that State. John Stannus, the grandfather, spent a very active career in Keokuk, Iowa, where he conducted a large wholesale business and developed trade relations all over the Central West. He was of prodigious size—being six feet four inches in height. He was a prominent Mason.

Frank E. Stannus, the father of Dr. Edwin F. Stannus, was born in Keokuk, was prominent in the affairs of that city, having served three terms as alderman—one year as mayor pro tem, and a member of the volunteer fire department. Some twelve years ago he removed his family to Quincy, where he was active in the affairs and proprietor of the Quincy Rug and Carpet Manufacturing Company until his death January 14, 1916. He was also prominent in many fraternal bodies, and was a leading member of the United Presbyterian Church in Keokuk, Iowa. His wife, who shared with him in church activities, was Miss Elizabeth Young, a native of Warsaw, Illinois. She survives her husband and makes her home with her only son, Dr. Edwin F. Stannus. Her only daughter, Etta C., is a graduate of the Quincy High School and of the State Normal School at Macomb, Illinois, and is now a successful teacher in Dewey School in Quincy.

Dr. Edwin F. Stannus, the subject of this sketch, was born August 6, 1881, in Keokuk, Iowa, where he grew to manhood and received his academic education in the schools of that city. He was very active in outdoor sports, which accounts for his splendid physique. He is a graduate of both the high school and business college of Keokuk. He was a great athlete and his friends and admirers characterized him as a perfect dynamo of energy.



After completing his college training he was engaged with his father, who at that time was the representative of the Standard Oil Co., in Keokuk, and became a proficient stenographer and clerk. But the ambition of young Stannus prompted him to undertake more responsible duties than that of clerk.

His first ambition led him in the dental profession. He was graduated from the Keokuk Dental College in dentistry in 1903, at the age of twenty-one years, and is now a member of the Alumni Association of the Iowa State University, which afterwards took over the Keokuk Dental College. A spirit of adventure led him out to Keystone, South Dakota, in the Black Hills District, where he soon developed a good practice. Remaining there but a short time he returned to his native city of Keokuk, where he entered the Keokuk Medical College and College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which he was graduated in 1905, and now is a member of the Alumni Association of the Iowa State University, which also took over these colleges. After passing a successful examination Before the State Board of Examiners of Iowa, he practiced at Keokuk until 1907, when he removed with his parents to Quincy, Illinois.

He received on August 15, 1907, his license to practice his chosen profession in Illinois, and from that day on his success has been assured. His fame has spread beyond Quincy, so that his office is thronged by patients from far and near.

His splendid technique has been developed not only by his large individual practice, but under the direction of the most eminent specialists in this country. The Doctor has taken many post graduate courses. He was in the New York Polyclinic Hospital in 1913 pursuing a general course and in 1916 and 1917 was an individual operator in that institution, under the direction of the foremost surgeons. He was also a student in the New York Polyclinic and the New York Roosevelt Hospital of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat in 1914 and 1915, and again in 1916, 1917 and 1918 took a special course as an operator in both of the above institutions. He studied in the Roosevelt Hospital, and holds certificates for expert and special study from Dr. Ben Witt Key of the New York Eye, Nose and Throat Infirmary, and also from Dr. Ernest Whitby Goode of the Polyclinic Hospital, and from Dr. Abbott Trask Hutchinson, of the Roosevelt Hospital. Another certificate was given him by Dr. Walter Eyre Lambert, one of the most eminent eye specialists in New York City. Doctor Stannus was also appointed on the staff of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of New York, as assistant eye surgeon in 1918, and held that position for six months until he returned to Quincy to resume his former practice. He was also surgeon of the nose, throat and ear clinic of the West Side Dispensary and Hospital in New York City in 1918, and built up that department until it exceeded all other clinics in this institution.

Doctor Stannus was first assistant surgeon to Dr. William Lawrence Gatewood in the Polyclinic Hospital of New York in 1917 and 1918, and after Doctor Gatewood was taken into Government service, he became instructor in laryngology and rhinology in that institution, and did all the teaching therein. But more than that, the good wishes and the keen professional interest of these eminent specialists have followed him, and have stood sponsor in many ways for his unusual success.

Doctor Stannus has the most complete laboratory and equipment for the medical and surgical treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat of any specialist in this territory. The Doctor has not failed to provide anything that will supplement his personal skill.

Doctor Stannus offered his services to his Government, but received the following reply: "The Acting Surgeon General directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 7, 1918, tendering your services to the Government in the existing emergency, and in reply to inform you that owing to the fact that you are ineligible for appointment in the Medical Corps, the U. S. Army, by reason of overweight, the Department regrets that it cannot utilize your services in a commissioned capacity, the offer of which is greatly

appreciated." However, he was appointed on selective service by the governor of New York, which action was approved by the authorities of the United States, as a member of the Local Board, Division No. 116 of the City and County of New York, and had full charge of the examination of all applicants of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He was also appointed an associate member of the Medical Advisory Board No. 6 of New York City.

Doctor Stannus is a member of the G. F. Jenkins Medical Society of Keokuk, Iowa, also of the Charles C. Slagel Dental Society of Iowa, and is also assistant surgeon in the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, and surgeon of the nose, throat and ear clinic of the West Side Dispensary and Hospital of New York.

He is at the head of the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and is the examining physician for the Modern Woodmen of America, of the International Harvester Co., of the Illinois Bankers Life Insurance Co., of Monmouth, Illinois, and for many other orders and companies.

Doctor Stannus is not only an eminent specialist, but is one of the substantial citizens of Quincy, occupying a beautiful home on Maine Street. He is a stockholder in many of the best institutions of the city, including the Illinois State Bank, and the State Savings, Loan & Trust Co.

This sketch would not be complete without mention of the Doctor's estimable wife, whose maiden name was Miss Osa Miller, and to whom the Doctor was wedded on December 16, 1909. She is a native of Quincy and is an accomplished musician, both in piano and vocal, being a teacher of music before her marriage to the Doctor. She is not only a good wife to the Doctor, but is a great helpmate as an assistant and nurse. The Doctor could not possibly treat so many patients without her valuable assistance. During the summer of 1918 she took a course in refraction in the School of Ophthalmology and Otology of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of New York City, under the supervision of her husband.

Doctor Stannus is a member of the Christian Church of Keokuk, Iowa, and a democrat in politics.

**HERMAN A. GENTEMANN.** An active and able representative of the horticultural and floricultural interests of Adams County, Herman A. Gentemann is a valued resident of Quincy, where he has an extensive nursery, well filled with a varied and choice collection of plants and flowers, some of which are quite rare and valuable. A son of the late C. Frederick W. Gentemann, he was born in Quincy July 10, 1876, of German ancestry.

Born and educated in Germany, C. Frederick W. Gentemann immigrated to the United States when about seventeen years of age. Coming directly to Quincy, Illinois, he was in the employ of Governor Wood for several years. Industrious and economical, he accumulated a sufficient sum of money to warrant him in starting in life on his own account. Familiar with horticulture, he built a small greenhouse, 16 by 30 feet, and having imported a few plants became the pioneer nurseryman of Adams County. Successful in his venture, he gradually enlarged his operations, building up an extensive business, which in 1901 he relinquished in favor of his sons, Herman and Phillip, and thenceforward lived retired until his death. His wife, whose maiden name was Anna Frederika Goesling, was born in Germany, and is now living in Quincy. Eight children were born of their union, as follows: Henry, of Argonia, Kansas, now engaged in dairy farming; Hannah, wife of William Coulson, of Memphis, Tennessee; William, of St. Louis; Reicke, wife of William Schnith, of Galesburg, Illinois; Minnie, living with her mother; Herman, the subject of this brief sketch; Phillip, associated with his brother Herman as a florist; and Linnie, who died in girlhood.

Having acquired a practical education in the Quincy schools, Herman A. Gentemann became interested in the growing of plants and shrubs while working with his father. He subsequently spent two years in Chicago, in the em-



ploy of Bassett & Washburn, wholesale dealers in cut flowers, gaining valuable knowledge and experience while there. Returning to Quincy in 1901, he and his brother Phillip succeeded to the business established by their father, and are managing it most successfully. These enterprising brothers have a finely equipped nursery, with 35,000 feet of glass in their greenhouses and other things of corresponding size and value. This firm, which has an office and flower shop at 714 Maine Street, is carrying on a substantial and lucrative business in the city, and employs a number of representatives in outside towns. All are extremely well patronized, as flowers within the past few years are listed among the necessities of life rather than the luxuries.

Mr. Gentemann married, August 20, 1902, Anna M. Bradshaw, a native of Quincy, and into their home two children have been born, Christel, who died in childhood, and Rosalind, born June 29, 1907. Politically Mr. Gentemann is independent, voting with the courage of his convictions. Fraternally he belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons, being a member of the Quincy lodge; and also belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose. Socially he is a member of the Quincy Power and Motor Club.

WARREN L. KING is a native of Quincy and in 1901 graduated from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery and lost no time in establishing himself in practice at Quincy, where his business and professional reputation has increased apace. He is one of the busiest dentists of the city, and is prominent in dental organizations, having been vice president of the Illinois Dental Society, and also a member of the County and National associations. Doctor King is a Scottish Rite Consistory Mason, and is a member of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

He was born in Quincy July 11, 1880, and graduated from the Quincy High School in 1898. He entered upon his professional work at the age of twenty-one and has been one of the useful citizens of Quincy ever since.

He is a son of William E. and Mary J. (Martin) King, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New York State. They married in Quincy, where William E. King was for several years manager of the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Company. He learned telegraphy in Ohio. He died while still at his work in 1886, when not yet forty years of age. His widow is still living, enjoying good health in advanced years.

Doctor King, only son of his parents, married at Quincy Miss Alice Sweet, who was born and reared here, daughter of E. K. and Lucia A. (Davis) Sweet. Her father, who died a number of years ago, was prominent in local business affairs as a horse dealer and stockman. Doctor and Mrs. King have two children. Marylyn Sweet King, who is thirteen years old and in the ninth grade of the public schools, and Warren Kent King, born in 1907 and also at school.

EDWARD W. PETER is county treasurer of Adams County. A native of the county, known to its people all his life, Mr. Peter has proved trustworthy and reliable in every relationship and duty, and for many years was one of the leading educators of the county.

He was born in Melrose Township of Adams County March 9, 1865, a son of William and Emily (Kaltenbach) Peter. His father was also a native of Melrose Township, where the Peter family established their home in pioneer times. William Peter followed farming, was a substantial resident of his community, and died March 15, 1915. The mother, who was born in Baden, Germany, is now living in Quincy. To their union were born a large family of children, the record being told briefly as follows: Edward W., the oldest; Charles, of Melrose Township; Albert, of Melrose; Frank, deceased; Tony, of Danville, Kansas; George, of Melrose Township; Rose, wife of Henry King, of Quincy; a son that died in infancy; Carrie, wife of Frank Daniels, of Quincy; and William, of Payson, Illinois.



Edward W. Peter grew up as a farmer boy, attended the district schools, and was earnest and diligent in making the best use of all his opportunities. In 1887 he was a student in the Gem City Business College at Quincy. There are many sections of Adams County where his name is most highly honored because of the effective services he rendered as a teacher in country schools. Altogether he was active in the work of the schoolroom for twenty years. Then for 11½ years he was associated with his brother-in-law, Mr. King, in the merchandise business at Quincy, but left that to accept the office of county treasurer, to which he was elected in 1914. Mr. Peter is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and is an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

BERNARD H. BERTER has been a resident of Quincy nearly fifty years, made his money here, and in this community has invested all his loyalty and affection, and is one of the most patriotic and public spirited of Adams County's citizens.

His business for many years has been as a grocer at 640 North Twelfth Street. Mr. Berter is now semi-retired, leaving the details of the store to his two sons, William and Joseph. He was born in Westphalia, Germany, March 19, 1843, and was reared and educated there. In 1863 he enlisted as a private in the German army and served all through the war against Austria. He was in five of the major battles of that war, but escaped unhurt. When the war ended in July, 1866, he secured a passport and sailed for America. From Bremen to Castle Garden was a voyage of two weeks by way of Liverpool. He joined a relative at Cincinnati and worked there a year with a florist and greenhouse proprietor. In May, 1870, Mr. Berter came to Quincy and was employed here five years as a coachman, two years of that time with the late Edward Wells, the story of whose life is told on other pages. He then went into the old Quincy mills as sales- and delivery man, and was with that institution until it was burned about ten years later. Mr. Berter received his final certificate of naturalization from the Circuit Court at Quincy in 1880.

In 1889 Mr. Berter invested his modest capital in the grocery business, his first store being at Twelfth and Oak streets. In 1903 he bought his present location at the corner of Twelfth and Vine streets, and here he has since built up a flourishing trade. He owns a large store building, and in his business trained his sons, and for the past nine years has given them practically the management of the industry, which is still conducted as B. H. Berter & Sons.

In 1876 Mr. Berter married Elizabeth Hoelker, daughter of the late George and Adelaide Hoelker, who came to Quincy in 1842. Both the Berter and Hoelker families are Catholics and members of St. Francis Church for the past forty years. The children were all confirmed there. William and Joseph are in the grocery business. Alois is a painter in Quincy. Edward died at the age of eighteen, and Maria at the age of two. Carl, the youngest, studied law at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1917, took post graduate work the following year and has since enlisted in the Army Medical Corps at Camp Kearney, California. The sons are members of the Knights of Columbus and both father and sons are democratic voters.

J. GRANT MCCARL, brother of Judge Lyman McCarl of Quincy, has for many years been one of the successful farmers and stockmen of Richfield Township. His home is four miles northwest of the old McCarl place in the same township.

On the McCarl homestead, which is now owned and occupied by his brother Scott, J. Grant McCarl was born August 11, 1863, son of Alexander W. and Minerva McCarl. He came to manhood with a liberal education, having spent three years in Lombard College at Galesburg, though he never graduated. Many people remember him as a former teacher. He followed educational work for three years in Richfield and Payson townships. He became a member of the Phi Delta Theta college fraternity.

For a number of years he was associated with his brother Scott in the management and ownership of the old home place, and sold his share to his brother in 1904. On September 3, 1904, he bought his present farm, the old Henry Lyle place in section 19, on the west township line of Richfield. Lyle had secured the 135 acres direct from the government. This farm is two miles east of Plainville and twenty-two miles southeast of Quincy. Mr. McCarl paid less than \$50 an acre for the farm. It has many attractive features, being watered with living springs. The substantial brick house was erected in 1867 and has a cornerstone laid by the Masonic Lodge with the initials H. L. and the date 1867, and also containing the Masonic Square and Compass and other symbols.

Mr. McCarl has done much to improve and develop this farm and has conducted it both for grain and stock. He keeps some pure bred Poland China hogs. He has remodeled the house and also the barn and put up several other smaller buildings.

Mr. McCarl has always been a democrat but has no tendency towards politics. He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Tri-State Fraternal Insurance Order.

April 17, 1895, he married Miss Orpha Hull, daughter of John P. and Martha (Harrison) Hull. Her mother is still living at the age of eighty-four. Her father, a native of Virginia, came west as a young man to Adams County, secured a tract of land, and then went back to Virginia and married. He took his bride to the new home in Richfield Township, and became a citizen of prominence here. He died December 1, 1901, at the age of seventy. He was an exceptional business man and of most scrupulous integrity, and was called upon to administer several estates and act as guardian for children. Six of the Hull daughters are still living. Miss Vickie is still at the old home with her mother. The other four besides Mrs. McCarl are: Ida, Mrs. W. C. Baker of Richfield; Jennie, Mrs. S. A. Baker of Richfield; Clara, wife of E. J. Wagye of Richfield; and Martha A., Mrs. Orville Hess of Richfield.

Mrs. McCarl received a good education, including special training in music, and was a teacher for one year before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. McCarl have two sons: Clement, who is twenty-three years of age and for several years has been the active partner with his father on the farm; and Lewis, aged twelve.

WILLIAM W. ROBERTSON, the present supervisor of Beverly Township, is owner of one of the fine old family estates of that locality, a farm that has been steadily improved and carefully tended and cultivated by one family for more than half a century. Mr. Robertson's home is a half mile south of Beverly Village and eight miles northeast of Barry.

He was born on this farm January 23, 1866, son of William W. and Mary E. (Richardson) Robertson. His father owned 200 acres of land there, and had farmed in that locality most of his life. He was retired for twenty-five years and died when within one month of his ninetieth birthday. His surviving children are: William W.; Mary, Mrs. John G. Sykes, living in the same vicinity as her brother; George W., who left Adams County at the age of twenty-two and for about forty years was a railroad engineer and is now living at Glen's Ferry, Idaho; John W., a retired farmer at Quincy; and Mrs. Rose Leighty, living at Vermont, Fulton County, Illinois. William W. Robertson was a republican and was reared in the Congregational Church.

William W. Robertson, the son, remained at home and attended the local schools, and when about twenty-five years of age took charge of the old farm. Its 200 acres are now under his ownership and he has made many improvements, including the building of a commodious new home where he and his family reside. This house was built in 1916. As a stockman Mr. Robertson has been chiefly interested in Polled Durham cattle.



Mr. Robertson is now serving his third consecutive term as township supervisor. He has given much of his time to the duties of his office and has been especially interested in road improvement and has secured appropriations for the construction of a number of cement culverts. He has served on the bridge committee of the board. He was elected to this office as a republican and is his party committeeman for his township.

October 12, 1893, Mr. Robertson married Nadine Griffith, of Clayton, daughter of Capt. A. J. and Sarah Ann (Wallace) Griffith. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have two children, Ezma and Griffith, the latter still at home. The daughter is the wife of Ray Stauffer, of Beverly Township, and they have two children, named Analu and Silber Ray. Mr. Robertson is a stockholder in the bank at Beverly, supports the Congregational Church, and in the last year or two has been very active in war work, especially in behalf of the Red Cross.

EZRA D. WING. The Wing farm three miles southeast of Clayton, in the extreme southeastern corner of the township of that name, is an interesting place, not only by reason of its value as a farm, but also for the fact that it has provided for and sheltered four generations of this family. Ezra D. Wing is now practically retired from his active career as an agriculturist, and his two children still live on the farm and share in its benefits.

Mr. Wing was born there August 8, 1867, his birthplace being the substantial brick house still standing and which was built by his grandfather, Stephen, and his father, Theodore Wing, in 1864. The brick was burned on the land.

Stephen Wing was born in Vermont in 1810, and was descended from Welsh ancestors. The family tradition is that a widowed mother accompanied by her two sons came from Wales and settled in Massachusetts in colonial days, and later moved to Vermont. The early generations were Quakers in religion. Stephen Wing when a boy went with his parents to Ohio, locating in Greene County, and the family were there when it was not an infrequent experience for wells sunk for water striking a vein of oil, which was then considered a nuisance. In Ohio Stephen Wing married Olive Rice. Their son, Theodore Wing, was born in Ohio in 1836 and was a small child when the family started west in 1845, journeying down the Ohio and up the Mississippi rivers to Illinois. They first settled at Newburg in Pike County, and in 1857 Stephen Wing secured the present farm in Clayton Township. Later, when he needed more land, he paid \$3,500 for an eighty-acre farm, that being a very high price for that period. Theodore Wing was partially crippled, and he and his father, Stephen, always lived together and had many of their property interests in common. Stephen Wing died at the old homestead in October, 1896, having lived retired for some years and having survived his wife. He had one son and two daughters. The daughters and their husbands are now deceased. Rosalinda married John Dodd and went to Iowa, while Sarah became the wife of William Anderson and they lived in Davenport, Iowa.

Theodore Wing married in 1865 Alice Wing, a distant relative. She was also a resident of Pike County at the time of her marriage. She survived her marriage only a few years, and was twenty-five at the time of her death. She was the mother of Ezra D. Wing. Theodore married for his second wife Rhoda Carter, of Augusta, Hancock County, Illinois. She died in 1894, and Theodore Wing passed away April 10, 1905, at the age of sixty-nine. He had lived retired since the death of his second wife. Ezra D. Wing was the only child of his father to reach mature years. Practically all his life has been lived on the old homestead in Clayton Township. However, for three years he was in Missouri and for one year in Nebraska. He returned home at the time of the death of his stepmother in 1894, and from that time had the active management of the farm until he himself turned over these responsibilities to younger people. The farm comprises 175 acres in one tract, and the principal residence is the brick building above noted. Mr. Wing rebuilt the old barn and has made many other



improvements. He has followed general farming and has had considerable success with Shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs. About a carload of hogs has left the farm for market every year.

All generations of this family have given members to the republican party. Mr. Wing's father and grandfather were members of the Christian Adventist Church when that was a flourishing organization in Adams County. Ezra Wing and wife are members of the Baptist Church at Timewell.

February 5, 1891, Mr. Wing married Mary Anderson, of Clayton, daughter of Cornelius and Nancy (Martin) Anderson. Her father was a farmer and liveryman and finally retired from business and died at the age of eighty-two. Mrs. Wing's mother died at the age of forty-two. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Wing are Floyd D. and Theodore Cornelius, each of whom now farms a part of the old homestead. Theodore Cornelius married Vivian Shelley, and they live with his parents in the old brick farmhouse. Floyd D. married Edna Marrett and has one daughter, Alice Elizabeth.

HENRY M. SHEER. Given a product that the public desires, a mechanic with technical training and sufficient experience may become a successful manufacturer. However, to not only manufacture but to provide ideas for innumerable devices and to develop them into concrete forms through inventive genius goes far beyond ordinary mechanical ability, and for that reason Henry M. Sheer, president of the H. M. Sheer Company at Quincy, occupies an unusually prominent position in the manufacturing field here.

Mr. Sheer was born in Melrose Township, Adams County, April 1, 1865, a son of David and Elizabeth (Herlemann) Sheer. His father, who died recently, was one of the early settlers of Adams County, and though he began life poor rose to a commanding place among the successful farmers of Melrose Township and enjoyed many of the dignities and honors of the community. He was born at Buffalo, New York, October 10, 1828, and when two years of age his parents moved to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where he received his early education. In 1845 he and other members of the family came to Adams County and settled in Melrose Township. In the spring of 1850 he made an overland trip to California, but returned home in January, 1852, and in February of the same year married Miss Elizabeth Herlemann, a native of Pennsylvania. After their marriage they moved to a farm in section 24 of Melrose Township, and there he developed a place of 400 acres, notable not only for the productiveness of its soil but also for the fine blooded cattle and hogs in which he specialized. He was a man of sterling character and commanded the respect of all who knew him. For several terms he represented his township in the county board of supervisors. He was reared a democrat and adhered to that party most of his life, though he voted for Mr. Lincoln for president both times. His wife died when about sixty years of age. Their eight children, four sons and four daughters, all grew up, all married but two, and only one of them is deceased. These children are: Leonard, a resident of Quincy; Margaret, wife of Joseph Able, of Benton County; William, who moved to Oklahoma; Caroline, a resident of Quincy; Henry M.; Matilda, deceased; Annie, wife of Christopher Luffi, of Quincy; and Walter, who lives at Quincy.

Henry M. Sheer was reared on his father's farm. He obtained his education in the public schools and later took a course in the Gem City Business College at Quincy. In 1888 he became identified with a farm machinery company at Quincy as a salesman, and continued in that line for seven years. In the meantime he had made plans to go into business for himself, and eventually opened a shop for the manufacture of incubators and brooders used by poultrymen. Not content with a general manufacturing line, he began developing ideas of his own and gradually restricting and specializing his business for the manufacture of special parts of incubators. He has done his greatest work probably in developing a perfect system of heat control in incubators and brooders, including various types of stoves and thermostats. His incubator and brooder supplies are sold all over the world, and his manufactured products are all

covered by his own patents. His plant on Hampshire Street covers ground 150 by 100 feet, part of it with a two story building and basement. He is also manufacturer of the Cascade Washing Machine, one of his inventions, and a machine that is now sold all over the country. He has also perfected various types of oil stoves, blue flame burners, and now has from thirty to thirty-five people employed in the business.

The H. M. Sheer Company has been in its present plant since 1914. His first shop was at 513 Ohio Street, and the necessity for enlarged quarters caused him to move into the factory district of Hampshire Street, where he had a plant just west of his present quarters for seven years. Some of the equipment manufactured under his patents has been supplied to the number of over 75,000 to a single poultry supply manufacturing concern.

Mr. Sheer married at Quincy Miss Gertrude Drallmeier, a native of Quincy and reared and educated here. Mr. and Mrs. Sheer have two children: Florence, wife of Ray Menke, who is now employed in the government arsenal at Rock Island, Illinois; and David, who is in the city high school and assists his father. Mr. Sheer and family are members of the Congregational Church.

FRANK J. KLINGELE. In the fertile agricultural country surrounding Quincy are found many men who have passed practically their entire lives in this region and have won success and high standing. Among this class is Frank J. Klingele, who has made a success of the intensive forms of agriculture, chiefly in truck and fruit crops.

Mr. Klingele was born in Adams County, received his training here both educational and agricultural, and for his straightforward character he has gained a strong place in the confidence of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Klingele was born July 20, 1865, fourth in a family of twelve children, six sons and six daughters. His parents were Ludwig X. and Sophia (Wellmann) Klingele. Five of the sons and two of the daughters are still living, all in Adams County but two, John and Edward F., who are farmers in the State of Washington. Both are married but John is now a widower.

Ludwig X. Klingele was born near the Black Forest of Germany and came to America when a young man. He was well educated, having proficiency in the German and English languages. He came to this country in a sailing vessel, first located at Cincinnati, and a short time later went to St. Louis, and from that city in 1849 joined a party who drove overland with wagons and mule teams to California. It was a journey fraught with much hardship and hazard and took three months. He remained in the gold coast and was reasonably successful until 1852, when he returned by water. He crossed the Isthmus of Panama and from New Orleans came up the Mississippi River to St. Louis. By trade he was a cabinet maker. At St. Louis he converted his gold dust into coin of the realm and soon came to Quincy and took a position as clerk in a dry goods establishment on North Fifth Street. Later he bought the land where his son Frank now lives. For forty acres he paid \$1,640. This was in 1853. The land had no improvements and he converted it into a good farm with excellent buildings and was one of the prosperous and influential men of the community the rest of his days. He was a democrat and always took a keen interest in politics and political affairs. He and his wife were members of St. Mary's Parish of the Catholic Church, being charter members of that church. Ludwig Klingele died in 1901. Both he and his wife were laid to rest in St. Boniface cemetery. His wife was born at New Orleans December 3, 1840, was reared in Adams County and was educated in the parochial schools. She was a kind and affectionate wife and mother and many grateful memories follow her. She spent her last years at the home of her son Frank and died March 13, 1914.

Frank J. Klingele was reared and educated in Adams County, attending the parochial schools. In 1892-93 he was a visitor in North Dakota, but did not identify himself permanently with that portion of the northwest. Otherwise his career has been spent in Adams County. On January 17, 1900, Mr. Klingele married Miss Wilhelmina Magdalene Klues. They are the parents



of six children, four sons and two daughters, five still living. Clara O., at home, was educated in St. Mary's parochial school at Quincy, was also trained in music and is an active member of St. Mary's Church. Roman F. is with the class that graduates from the eighth grade of parochial schools in 1918. Paul M. is in the fourth grade of the parochial school of St. Mary's Parish. Mary G. is in the second grade, and the youngest of the family is Marcellus Urban. Mr. and Mrs. Klingele have been at great pains to give their children the best of advantages to fit them for life.

Mrs. Klingele was born in Adams County November 13, 1876, daughter of Andrew and Rosa (Rohling) Klues. There were nine children in the Klues family, six still living, and all residents of Adams County except Catherine, who is the wife of William Reis, a painter and decorator living at Okonee, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Reis have three children.

Andrew Klues, father of Mrs. Klingele, was born in Hanover, Germany, was reared in his native land and served as a soldier during the Franco-Prussian war. He is one of the men of the present generation who have vividly impressed on their memory pictures of old Field Marshal Von Moltke and Prince Bismarck. In former years Mr. Klues was employed as a brick manufacturer, and has also been a farmer. He is a democrat and is now a resident of Quincy. His family have been identified with St. Mary's Parish. Mrs. Klingele's mother was born in Germany, and died May 26, 1905. Mrs. Klingele had her education in the parochial schools at Quincy and was well fitted by training and by natural capabilities for the responsibility of making a home. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Klingele began farming on their present place, which is about a half a mile from Quincy, and there by their labor have improved an attractive home and have made a success of the crops best suited to their land. Mrs. Klingele has proved a faithful counsellor and guide in the affairs of home and also in solving those problems which concern all members of the family. Mr. Klingele cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland and has always sustained the policies of the democratic party. He and his wife are members of St. Mary's Parish. Mr. Klingele has seen a great deal of the United States, has been as far west as the Pacific Coast, including the cities of Tacoma, Portland and Spokane. The farm on which he resides has an abstract covering possession of almost a century, the land having originally been a soldier's claim.

JOHN L. PIPE. During the last fifteen or twenty years there has been no more successful coal operator and dealer at Quincy than John L. Pipe. His present business was established in June, 1909, and it has been developed to large proportions both wholesale and retail, handling all the staple grades of coal. The yards are on Eleventh Street between York and Jersey streets. Mr. Pipe has for eleven years been associated with Mr. E. W. Trobridge of Quincy, and for six years had charge of the city trade of the Wabash Coal Company. He knows the coal business in every detail, and his own success has only been a justified reward of the splendid service he has rendered the public.

Mr. Pipe comes of a family notable for splendid physical manhood. He and his brothers are large men of athletic build, and Mr. Pipe stands full six feet with corresponding proportions. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, about forty years ago, was reared and educated in Quincy, and was only a boy when he started to learn the coal business. His parents were Alfred T. and Josephine (Sharkey) Pipe, both natives of St. Louis, the former of English and the latter of Irish parentage. They married in St. Louis, where Alfred Pipe followed the business of stove molder for a time. He died at the age of sixty-five in March, 1911. His widow is still living in Quincy, at the age of seventy-two. She is a member of the Catholic Church. There were three sons and two daughters, Alfred C., of Chicago, in the government mail service, and married; John L.; George A., manager of the Comstock-Castle Stove Foundry of Quincy, is married and has three sons and one daughter; Mabel is clerk in one of the large dry goods stores of Quincy; while Josephine, the youngest, is a music teacher in Quincy.



John L. Pipe married at Quincy in 1900 Bertha N. Wiesenburger. Mrs. Pipe is a native of Quincy and after completing her education was a book-keeper until her marriage at the age of twenty-two. Her parents, Bernard and Elizabeth (Hemple) Wiesenburger, were born in Germany, her mother in Baden, but were married in Quincy. Her father followed the trade of wagon-maker and died in 1905, at the age of seventy-six. Her mother is still living at the advanced age of seventy-nine. Mrs. Pipe is one of a family of eight children, all living, and all married but one daughter. Her brother Albert B. was educated in the city schools and the Gem City Business College and was book-keeper for Mr. Pipe. He married Emma Schrieber, who died in November, 1915, leaving four children, Albert L., Mildred, Grace and Ellen, the three younger of whom are all in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Pipe have one daughter, Elizabeth, born May 27, 1908, now attending the sixth grade of the public schools. The family are members of the Memorial Lutheran Church. Mr. Pipe is active in Lodge No. 296 of the Masonic Order.

GEORGE W. FRANCIS, the present postmaster of Camp Point, has been a well known citizen of Adams County for many years, was born here, and formerly resided in Quincy. His name serves to recall besides his own worthy career several of the older and influential families of the county, including the Coxes, his mother's people.

Mr. Francis was born in Ursa Township February 2, 1853, and is a son of Samuel and Mary A. (Cox) Francis.

Samuel Francis, who died in 1901, was perhaps best known because of his long identification with Camp Point Village as a landlord, being proprietor of the old Adams or Francis Hotel for thirty-five years. A son of Vincent and Amelia Francis, of Bedfordshire, England, he was born in that country October 21, 1817. As a youth he learned the shoemaker's trade and followed it in England until thirty years of age. In 1848 he came to America, was a Quincy shoemaker for several years, also lived in Ursa Township, and in 1856 settled at Camp Point, where he was in the shoe business. In 1861 he bought the Adams House, and to the conduct of that old and well known hostelry gave his attention during most of his active years until he retired. He was a republican voter and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both he and his wife were members of the Christian Church.

In December, 1850, Samuel Francis married Mary Ann Cox, who was born near Quincy March 18, 1831, daughter of George W. and Alvira (Crawford) Cox. George W. Cox was a native of Virginia and his wife of Kentucky. They married in Kentucky, and about 1825 came to Illinois and settled in Honey Creek Township. As pioneer settlers they acquired their land from the government, and the old Cox estate in that township has since become one of the most productive and valuable farms of the county. George W. Cox was also one of the contractors who built the Burlington Railroad through Adams County. He died in 1859, at the age of sixty-four, and his wife in 1866, at the age of fifty-six.

Samuel Francis and wife had three children: Sarah C., born September 7, 1851, deceased wife of James Robertson; George W.; and John T., who was born December 27, 1855, and is now deceased.

George W. Francis was about two years old when his parents moved to Camp Point. At that time this was a community of about three houses clustered around Garrett's mill, and Samuel Francis' small shoe shop was one of the first enterprises of the village. Mr. Francis grew up here and in the course of his education attended the noted Maplewood High School of Camp Point and also attended college at LaGrange, Missouri. For about nine years he was engaged in the agricultural implement business at Camp Point, and then for twenty-five years was on the road as a traveling salesman. Another experience of his early career was service as deputy county recorder for seven years. For eight years his home was in Quincy, and while there he built a fine home at

Twenty-Second and Main streets. In 1913 Mr. Francis returned to Camp Point and bought the E. B. Sawyer Insurance Agency, which is now his principal business. It is conducted under the firm name of Francis & Spence. Mr. Francis was appointed acting postmaster of Camp Point January 4, 1918. He has also served six years as village trustee. Politically he is independent and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was at one time president of the Adams County Fair Association, and has always been liberal of his time and means to support all worthy enterprises. He is affiliated with Lodge No. 197, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Royal Arch Chapter No. 7, Clayton Commandery, Knights Templars, and is a member of Camp Point Lodge No. 299, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Exkaliber Lodge of Knights of Pythias. He and his wife are members of the Eastern Star.

Since coming to Camp Point he has built the home in which he and family now reside. In 1877 he married Miss Susan E. Whitbread, who was born in Quincy June 4, 1861.

IRA R. CALKINS. In practically every walk of life there is a certain, well defined path to success, but undoubtedly there are many bypaths leading to the broad road and it is very often necessary for a young man to search closely for these as he pursues his various industries. It is something to be able to recognize an opportunity when it presents itself, and thereby each man makes his own success surer if not always easier. In all probability, when Ira R. Calkins, vice president of one of Quincy's important industries, went into the foundry of the Electric Wheel Company at Quincy he set step on the successful-ending path that led him to his present ample fortune and responsible place in the business world.

Ira R. Calkins was born at Quincy, Illinois, October 4, 1872. His parents were John W. and Adelaide (Niles) Calkins, who were born in the State of New York. In 1860 they came to Quincy, the father at that time being connected with the Pullman Car Company, and subsequently he was in the United States postal service. His death occurred in 1902 and that of the mother in 1913. They were held in great esteem at Quincy and were identified quietly with those things which make up community peace, benevolence and happiness. They were the parents of four children, namely: A daughter who died at the age of six months; Addison N., who is a resident of Quincy; Harriet W., who is the wife of Harry H. Hale, whose home is in the City of Los Angeles, California; and Ira R.

Ira R. Calkins was reared at Quincy and had the advantage of her excellent public schools, and after completing the high school course became a clerk in the postoffice at Quincy and remained for six years, during that time becoming unusually well acquainted with a large number of his fellow citizens. In 1899 came the opportunity to go with this Quincy Electric Wheel Company, and he has been identified with this business ever since and now is the company's vice president. In all his transactions he has proved to be an able and honorable business man, and such is his reputation at Quincy.

Mr. Calkins was married March 23, 1903, to Miss Sue McDavitt, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth Meriam. They have a wide circle of personal friends and maintain a hospitable home. In his political views Mr. Calkins is a republican. He is an earnest and upright citizen and is ever ready to co-operate with others in matters of substantial public interest for the benefit of all.

JOSEPH L. THOMAS, former county treasurer and now assistant county treasurer of Adams County, is a citizen of long and active identification with public affairs and formerly with the educational life of this county, and is undoubtedly one of Quincy's best known citizens. He has made a study of the problems and methods of that particular branch of county government with which he has been chiefly identified, and is now generally recognized throughout the state as an authority on the construction and administration of the general revenue laws of Illinois.



Mr. Thomas was born in Clayton Township of this county November 3, 1873, a son of Eli R. and Mary A. (Beckett) Thomas. Both families have been identified with Adams County since early days. Eli Thomas was a native of Indiana and came to Adams County in the early '50s, locating on a farm in Clayton Township, a tract of land which, with its modern improvements, is still owned by the family. Eli Thomas spent a long and praiseworthy career as an agriculturist and died February 2, 1894. His wife, Mary Beckett, was born in Adams County, where her father, Joseph S. Beckett, was a pioneer farmer. Mary Thomas died December 20, 1916. They were the parents of four children: Ida, wife of George B. Cornelius, living on the old homestead in Clayton Township; Curtis M., who died at Los Angeles, California, June 20, 1916; Joseph L.; and Walter H. L., cashier of the Farmers State Bank at Mendon, Illinois.

Joseph L. Thomas grew up in a rural environment, made the best of his opportunities in the local schools and at the age of eighteen, in 1892, began teaching. His first work as a teacher was done in Ellington Township, and altogether he taught about twelve years. In the meantime he was paying for the expenses of his higher education in the Western Normal at Bushnell, Illinois, where he graduated in 1896. After that he continued teaching in the winters, and in 1902 came to the Court House at Quincy as deputy treasurer. He filled that office four years and then took up a new line of work as reporter for the Quincy Daily Herald. He was with the staff of that paper 3½ years. In 1910 Mr. Thomas was made candidate on the democratic ticket for the office of county treasurer, and received a signal triumph in the election of November 5, 1910. He gave four years to the capable and efficient handling of the county funds, and in 1914, at the close of his term, was appointed assistant county treasurer. He is also secretary of the County Centennial Celebration. Mr. Thomas is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, is past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, and an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

November 14, 1901, he married Miss Mattie E. Gans. Mrs. Thomas was born in Red Oak, Iowa, and before her marriage was a successful teacher. They have two children: Harry L., born October 6, 1904, and Charles Clifford, born January 25, 1906.

JOHN A. THOMPSON, present mayor of Quincy, has long been a factor in the business and civic affairs here, and has attained a substantial position from a boyhood passed in self-respecting poverty and hard work.

Mr. Thompson was born at Quincy October 17, 1873, a son of John H. and Ida (Dustin) Thompson. His father was born in Pennsylvania and his mother in Quincy. John H. Thompson was a moulder by trade, and his death occurred in 1886. The children in the family were: Charles, of Quincy; John A.; Frank, of Quincy; Willard, deceased.

At the age of thirteen John A. Thompson left public school on account of his father's death, and began working, turning his wages over to his mother. In this routine he continued for some years and finally gained the modest capital with which about 1897 he embarked in the grocery business with his brother Charles. They operated a large and well patronized establishment, and Mr. Thompson was active in the business until May, 1917, when he retired to give all his duties to the office of mayor of Quincy.

March 15, 1899, he married Ernestine Buerklin. Mrs. Thompson was born in Quincy, daughter of Adolph and Louisa (Schwarz) Buerklin. Her father is now deceased and her mother is a resident of Quincy. Mayor Thompson is a republican, and prior to his elevation to the mayoralty was alderman from the Second Ward for five years. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite.

GEORGE C. MARRIOTT. In the modern city no municipal service has been developed to a higher point of efficiency and of greater usefulness to the property and welfare of citizens than the fire protection service. In its fire department



the City of Quincy need fear comparison with no other city of its size in the middle west, since both in equipment and personnel it is modern and to the highest degree effective.

Much of the credit for not only the material equipment but for the disciplined efficiency of the department is due to its chief, George C. Marriott, who has had a long and active service as a fireman, covering more than a quarter of a century.

Though a resident of Quincy most of his life, Mr. Marriott was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 26, 1865, a son of Frank and Catherine (Weisenberger) Marriott. His father was a native of France and his mother of Germany. His father was a contractor and builder, and died in Louisiana when his children were small. In 1883 the widowed mother brought her family to Quincy, George being then eighteen years of age. There were four children: George C.; Catherine, wife of Edward Hartzel, of Quincy; Mrs. Marie Delabar, a widow; and Ellen, wife of William Weise, of Quincy.

As a boy George C. Marriott received a rudimentary education in the public schools of Louisiana. At the age of fourteen he was working with his father, but at fifteen he left school to take the place of his father, who had died, and from that time forward was the mainstay of the family until the younger children were grown. He learned the cooper's trade and followed it about five years, part of the time in Quincy. Then for four years he worked in a local flour mill, and in 1891 began his duties and experience as a member of the Quincy Fire Department. He is a veteran in the service, and has helped fight fires in Quincy for more than a quarter of a century. In 1907 he was made assistant fire chief, and in 1911 was appointed chief of the department, a position which he has now held for seven years.

September 21, 1897, Mr. Marriott married Emma S. Fischer, a daughter of Christopher and Annie (Durant) Fischer. Both her parents are now deceased. Mr. Marriott is a democrat in politics and has fraternal affiliations with the Knights of Pythias, Court of Honor, Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is also well known among Illinois firemen and has frequently attended conventions of the fire fighting organizations from this state.

ADDISON N. CALKINS has been a factor in the industrial and manufacturing life and affairs of Quincy for many years. He is a manufacturer of long and extensive experience, and is now giving his entire time to his duties as superintendent of the Electric Wheel Company.

Mr. Calkins was born at Quincy October 1, 1865, a son of John W. and Adelaide (Niles) Calkins. His parents came to Quincy in 1860 from New York. His father was at one time connected with the Pullman Car Company and subsequently was in the postal service. John W. Calkins died in 1902 and his wife in 1913.

Addison N. Calkins was educated in Quincy public schools and also in the public schools of Louisiana, Missouri. After a course in the University of Missouri at Columbia he began work with a machine shop and foundry at Louisiana, Missouri, and was with that concern for four years, getting a thorough apprenticeship and acquiring a complete familiarity with all branches of the business. He then returned to Quincy and became associated with the Lechtenberg interests as one of the organizers of the Central Machine and Foundry Company. Later this became the Central Iron Works, manufacturing elevators. Mr. Calkins and the Lechtenbergs were the principal stockholders in this industry. After about twelve years Mr. Calkins went with the Otis Elevator Company for 1½ years, and then came into his present position as superintendent of the Electric Wheel Company.

Mr. Calkins married October 21, 1892, Miss Anna Schermerhorn. They have two daughters, Helen, a teacher in Knox College at Galesburg, Illinois, and Ruth, at home. Mr. Calkins is a Knight Templar Mason, is a member of the Presbyterian Church and a republican voter.

J. ERLE CALDWELL, city comptroller of Quincy, is a well known business man of the city and is also on the retired list with the rank of lieutenant in the Illinois Naval Reserve.

Mr. Caldwell was born at Elvaston, Hancock County, Illinois, March 17, 1886, the only child of Lee E. and Ella J. (Browning) Caldwell, both natives of Hancock County. The family have lived in Adams County since 1905.

J. E. Caldwell completed his literary education in Carthage College, but left that school on account of illness. He then became associated with his father in business and is now secretary and treasurer of the Quincy Phonograph Company, handling, both wholesale and retail, the various line of wares manufactured by the Edison Company.

Mr. Caldwell was for eleven years identified with the Illinois Naval Reserve as a member of the Tenth Division. During that time he gained an unusually thorough knowledge of naval equipment and practice, and as commander of the torpedo boat "Somers" conveyed that vessel to the navy yard at New Orleans.

Mr. Caldwell was appointed city comptroller of Quincy and took that office on May 8, 1917. He is a republican in politics, and his father was at one time a supervisor in Hancock County. Mr. Caldwell is affiliated with the Masonic Order and the United Commercial Travelers, and is a member of the Federation of Musicians. On June 27, 1911, he married Miss Nellie E. Poole, a native of Adams County.

GEORGE F. METZGER is secretary of the Menke Stone and Lime Company of Quincy. He has been a member of this firm since 1886, and has been its secretary over fifteen years.

Mr. Metzger is a man of expert technical qualifications, has had much experience in building contracting and other work, and his energy and resourcefulness have had much to do with the success and growth of the Menke Stone and Lime Company.

He came to Quincy in 1878 and was a building contractor for a number of years, until he entered business with his present firm. He was associated with W. B. Lockworthy and later with Lockworthy and Menke, until the death of Mr. Lockworthy. The Menke Stone and Lime Company is one of the largest concerns of its kind in Western Illinois. They operate great limestone quarries and lime kilns near Quincy, having three mills south of the city, while their cut stone factory, warehouses and yards are at Kentucky, York and Front streets. In normal times they employ from 125 to 140 men, and ship carloads of crushed stone, cut stone, lime and other materials and products all over the states of Illinois, Missouri, Iowa and even as far away as Nebraska.

Mr. Metzger was born in Wuertemberg, Germany, in January, 1854, son of Johan and Regina (Voehringer) Metzger. His parents were natives of the same province and spent their lives there, both dying when about twenty-eight years of age, the mother about two years younger than her husband. The father was a contractor and architect, so that in a sense the son may be said to have inherited his profession and occupation.

George F. Metzger was only three years old when his mother died. He was reared and carefully educated, attending a Polytechnic College at Stuttgart, Germany. After graduating he set out for America, making the voyage across the ocean in ten days on the ship "China." He landed at New York City April 5, 1876, and at once came west to St. Louis. A few years later he located in Quincy.

Mr. Metzger married at Sedalia, Missouri, Miss Rosena Vosse. She was born at Atchison, Kansas, of German parentage, and was reared and educated in that city. They have one son, A. Frederick Metzger, who was born at Sedalia, Missouri, in 1885. Mr. Metzger and family lived at Sedalia temporarily while he was a contractor during the construction of the court house there. The son grew up in Quincy, attended the public schools here, and the Union Business College, and is now bookkeeper for the Menke Stone & Lime Company.



He married in Quincy Agnes Singler, who was born in Missouri in 1885, daughter of H. Frederick and Ellen Singler. Mr. Metzger and family are members of the Lutheran Church and he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic Order.

JOHN H. KOCH, M. D., F. A. C. S. During twenty years of practice at Quincy Doctor Koch has achieved an enviable prominence as a surgeon, and it was a sure skill and his successful method in handling many major cases which caused his name to be nominated and accepted as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the only really exclusive and discriminating medical organization in America.

Doctor Koch first took up the profession of pharmacy and graduated from the National College of Pharmacy at Washington, D. C., in 1894. He remained at Washington and entered the Garfield Memorial Hospital, a branch of the Columbian, now the George Washington, University, where he received his M. D. degree in 1897. He has also been a student and attendant at clinics in perhaps the greatest medical center in the world, Vienna. It was in 1916 that Doctor Koch was accepted among the early members of the American College of Surgeons. For many years he has practiced with offices at Broadway and Eighth streets. He is a member of the County and State Medical societies and the American Medical Association.

Doctor Koch was born at Quincy in 1874, and during his boyhood attended the Quincy High School and other schools of his home city. He has served as president of the Adams County Medical Society and as delegate to the state and national societies. He has prepared and read papers before both of the latter organizations. He is active in the Knights of Columbus, and with all his busy professional work finds time to keep in touch with current progress and affairs in his community. Doctor Koch has a fine home and office at his residence.

At Watsonville, Pennsylvania, Doctor Koch married Miss Louise Irvin. She is a native of Pennsylvania, and represents one of the old and prominent families of that state. She is of Scotch and English parentage. The Irvins were one of the famous clans of Scotland. Her great-grandfather served as a soldier in the American Revolution, while her maternal grandfather, Reader, was in the War of 1812. Her father, Lieutenant Joseph M. Irvin, was with the One Hundred and Thirty-First Pennsylvania Infantry during the Civil war and was seriously wounded at the second battle of Bull Run. He died in 1897, and her mother is still living in Pennsylvania. Doctor and Mrs. Koch are members of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

ARTHUR DUNN is vice president, treasurer and manager of the United Cereal Mills Company, Limited, at Quincy. He came to Quincy in 1916, and has been the responsible executive in charge of this branch of the great industry since that time. The Quincy mills of this company have a capacity of from 40,000,000 to 50,000,000 packages a year, or more than 1,000,000 cases. The goods are shipped to every state of the Union and to Canada, and it is not infrequent that 100 carloads leave the factory every month for distribution over this territory. The products of the Quincy mills are the E-C Cornflakes, Washington Flakes, Fruited Wheat and Fruited Cornflakes, and also cereals of rye and barley. This company has an elevator with a storage capacity of thirty cars. The plant is a large and commodious one, and every sanitary facility and comfort have been supplied the employees, who number about 200, in addition to 150 commercial salesmen who cover the territory supplied by these mills.

Mr. Dunn came to Quincy from Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he lived from 1895 and where he practiced law and carried out a number of highly successful examples of business promotion. He is a business organizer and financier, and is a man who does things with a rapidity of decision that is the admiration of his business associates. He was born at Elmira, New York, in 1876, but grew up in Pennsylvania and is a graduate of the Scranton public



schools and a graduate of Princeton University with the class of 1895. He was trained as a lawyer and practiced law at Scranton and engaged in large business affairs there for twenty-one years. He has also been active as a republican and was a delegate to the convention that nominated Roosevelt for president and stumped during the campaign for his election.

Mr. Dunn married a Pennsylvania girl and has a family.

**ALBERT T. FRANKEL.** The youngest member of the County Board of Supervisors at present is Albert T. Frankel, from Concord Township, who was elected in the spring of 1918. Mr. Frankel is one of the younger and progressive element of farmers in that section of Adams County, and for sixteen years has been identified with the cultivation and management of a good farm. He also held the office of township collector two years before entering upon his duties as a member of the Board of Supervisors.

The Frankel farm comprises 121 acres in sections 30 and 31. About half the land is improved and the remainder timber and pasture. Mr. Frankel devotes his time largely to cattle raising, his farm being especially adapted to the grazing of livestock. During the summer and fall he also does an extensive business as a grain thresherman, having one of the complete outfits for that purpose.

Mr. Frankel is thirty-four years of age, having been born at St. Louis November 9, 1884. He received his early education in St. Louis, and has lived in Concord Township since 1902. He is a son of Andrew P. and Sarah (Rose) Frankel. His father was born in Sweden in 1843 and came of a Swedish Lutheran family. When a young unmarried man he came to the United States and located at St. Louis, and married in Missouri Miss Sarah Rose. She was born near Newtown in Adams County, Illinois, January 15, 1853, daughter of John M. and Nancy (Ferguson) Rose. Her parents were natives of Missouri, but were married in Adams County, and for a time lived on the farm now occupied by the Frankel family. John M. Rose was a railroad man, a shop worker and engineer, and spent most of his active life in that service at Louisiana, Missouri. He died there when past seventy years of age. He was a democrat. His widow died on the old farm in Concord Township at the age of seventy-six. Andrew P. Frankel after his marriage continued work at his trade as a carpenter, and in 1902 came to Concord Township with his wife and family. He died at the farm home there in June, 1908, at the age of sixty-five. He was a Lutheran. Mrs. Frankel is still living with her sons at the old homestead and is about sixty-five years of age. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Albert T. Frankel is second among her four sons. Robert A., the oldest, was reared and educated in St. Louis, attending business college there, and at the time of his death, at the age of eighteen, was employed by the R. G. Dun Company. Elmer L., born in October, 1889, attended school in St. Louis and in Adams County, and is still at home with his mother. Ivan Burton, born at St. Louis February 19, 1891, was educated there and in Adams County, and is also on the farm in Concord Township. He married Ella Edmonson, of Concord Township, and they have two children, Nona and Vivian. The Frankel boys are democrats in politics.

**WILLIAM T. RAY.** What gives Mr. Ray his exceptional position in Adams County is his wonderful success as a farmer and stockman. In any list of a dozen prominent agriculturists in the county his name would deservedly have a place. Under his ownership is a large body of land in Concord Township, and in many ways it is a model stock ranch. In line in what he has done in a business way Mr. Ray has a reputation for superior judgment in affairs generally, for strict and upright dealing, and is said to have a memory for people and events that would justify not a little fame as a local historian.

The public esteem in which he is held is indicated by the fact that for ten

years from 1901 to 1911 he was Concord Township's supervisor, and was one of the most valuable men on the board during that period.

All his life has been spent in Concord Township. He was born in section 1 of that locality August 2, 1863. He is of old Scotch Presbyterian ancestry. His parents were John Sinclair and Agnes (Ligget) Ray. John S. Ray was born in the Scotch Highlands January 1, 1821. He was five years old when his father, John, and family came to America, being six weeks on the voyage and after landing in New York City the family lived for two years at Freehold, New Jersey. John Ray then went back to Scotland, came again to America after a short time, about 1833, but was not content to live on this side of the waters and finally returned to Scotland, where he and his wife spent their last years. His wife died about 1845, and he survived until about 1870, being ninety-three years of age.

John S. Ray at the age of seventeen broke away from home ties and returned to America in 1838, locating at Freehold, New Jersey. There he worked on a farm for a Mr. Craig seven years. During that time he married Miss Agnes Ligget, who was born in County Down, Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, July 9, 1831. Her parents, John and Mary (Patterson) Ligget, natives of County Down, came to the United States in 1846 and located at Freehold, New Jersey. The mother died there and John Ligget afterwards came to Adams County and died in 1862, at the age of eighty-six.

John S. Ray after his marriage farmed near Freehold, New Jersey, and three children were born there: John, Mary and Margaret. In the spring of 1856 the family came to Adams County and rented a farm in section 1 of Concord Township. Later John S. Ray bought land of his own in section 11. This was a tract of uncultivated soil forty acres in extent, and he cleared it up and made a good home of it. This land is now owned by his son William, who acquired it after his father retired in 1892 to Quincy, where he lived until 1906. He then removed to Timewell in Brown County and died eighteen months later, July 17, 1908. His widow passed away March 17, 1910. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to them in Adams County were: James L., who died at the age of forty-seven, married Ida Lucas, also deceased, and three of their children are still living. David is connected with the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Jacksonville, Illinois, is married but has no children. The next in age is William T. Joseph A., who died in 1906, at the age of forty, was a prominent resident of Adams County and at one time a candidate for Congress. He married but had no children. Arthur R. is a well known lawyer of Quincy, is now assistant district attorney and formerly was assistant attorney general of the state.

William T. Ray acquired, largely by his own efforts, a good education, his early schooling being of the rural type. In 1894 he bought his father's homestead and his steady progress in farming has enabled him to accumulate 590 acres, including some of the finest land in Concord Township. As a stockman he has at this writing about 130 head of cattle, some fifty head of hogs, thirty head of horses and mules and about 140 sheep.

In McKee Township Mr. Ray married Miss Ellen Varner. She was born in that township November 3, 1865, and was reared and educated there. Her parents, Robert and Rose (Corrigan) Varner, were well known pioneer farmers in that township and spent their lives there. Mr. and Mrs. Ray have four children, who do them honor. Rose Agnes, the oldest, was born in 1893, and is now the wife of Ray Vering, a Concord Township farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Vering have two children, Robert Roy and Genevieve R. John Robert Ray, born March 4, 1895, is a graduate of high school and the Gem City Business College, and is now a private in a Machine Gun Battalion at Camp Sheridan. Margaret E., born July 7, 1897, was well educated in the local schools. Mary Esther, born February 25, 1900, has finished the grade schools and is still at home.



JEREMIAH STRICKLER, who has been a resident of Adams County for eighty years, was born in Pennsylvania December 26, 1835, and was brought to this county by his parents in 1837.

He is a son of David and Emily Strickler, both natives of Pennsylvania. His father was a cabinet maker by trade, but in Adams County spent his time chiefly as a farmer. He died in Augusta, over the line in Hancock County, at the age of seventy-five, and his wife also passed away at the same age at Camp Point. Their children were Stewart, Wesley, Abram, Elizabeth, Lewis, Clark, Jeremiah, David, Maria, John and Emily. Those still living are Lewis, Jeremiah, Maria and Emily. The father voted as a republican and was a member of the Methodist Church.

Jeremiah Strickler grew up on a farm, had a limited education in the schools of his day, and for a number of years operated a farm in Camp Point Township, selling that to buy his present eighty acre farm in Houston Township. He still owns that farm, but since 1913 has lived retired in Golden. Mr. Strickler is an independent voter.

In 1857 he married Miss Serelda Downing. They had four children, Olive, Anna, Wilbur and Lora. The mother died in 1892, and Mr. Strickler married a second wife and has one daughter, Amy Alice.

HOWARD J. VICKERS. The Vickers family has been one of the most prominent in Adams County since pioneer times, and their activities as farmers and land owners made them especially well known in Burton Township. Some of the largest benevolences in behalf of educational and other institutions in the county were the act of the late Howard J. Vickers.

Many of the statistical records regarding the family are found in the old Burton Cemetery. The father of Howard J. Vickers was Aquilla A. Vickers, who, according to the date there recorded, died September 24, 1862, aged sixty-nine years, one month, twenty-eight days. His wife, Ann, died August 1, 1863, aged sixty-five years, four months, four days. Among their children were the following: John A. Vickers, who died August 15, 1868, aged twenty-three; Archibald Vickers, born October 14, 1837, and died October 15, 1895; Thomas Vickers, who served in Company D of the One Hundred and Sixtieth Ohio Infantry; Aquilla Vickers, born September 4, 1831, and died August 19, 1904, was a member of Company A of the Tenth Illinois Cavalry; John W. Vickers, who died October 29, 1876, aged forty-six years, ten months, fourteen days, and Priscilla Vickers, born in Grant County, Kentucky, May 2, 1830, and died May 21, 1882, aged fifty-two years and eighteen days.

Howard J. Vickers was born in 1832 and died in 1911. His first wife, Ann R., died December 24, 1863, aged thirty-two years, nine months, one day. His second wife, Ann M., was born September 7, 1835, and died February 23, 1890. His third wife, Sarah J., was born October 16, 1843, and died July 24, 1902.

A large part of the old Vickers homestead in Burton Township, ten miles east of Quincy, is now owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. George C. Mollenhauer. Mrs. Mollenhauer is a granddaughter of Howard J. Vickers. George C. Mollenhauer was born two miles north of Burton Village May 30, 1877, and is a member of a family whose records are given more in detail on other pages. He remained at home until reaching his majority, attending the grammar schools, and is a graduate of the Gem City Business College. He and his brother-in-law, Charles C. Kleinschmidt, then bought an established business at Twelfth and Ohio streets in Quincy, conducted it four years, and in 1901, after his marriage, Mr. Mollenhauer came to his present farm. This comprises 200 acres.

On May 30, 1900, Mr. Mollenhauer married Miss Ada Lewis, daughter of George and Lucy (Vickers) Lewis. Ada Lewis was born on the farm where she now lives. This land was originally obtained by members of the Vickers family directly from the Government. Howard Vickers married for his first wife Ann Harris. Her only child to reach maturity was Lucy Vickers, who



was born a mile distant from the old homestead. She was eleven years of age at the death of her mother. She was educated in local schools and in a young ladies' school at Quincy, and also at Camp Point, finishing in the college at LaGrange, Missouri. She taught school in West Virginia, where she met and married George T. Lewis, who was reared in that state. After their marriage they came to Adams County and spent most of their lives on a farm of 120 acres given Lucy by her father, Howard J. Vickers. The old Vickers homestead originally comprised 400 acres. Mrs. Lucy Lewis on account of ill health went south with her husband and died in San Antonio, Texas, at the age of forty-three, and her husband remained in the South and died at the age of sixty-four.

Ada Lewis after the death of her parents returned to the home of her grandfather, Howard J. Vickers, and also lived back in West Virginia with some of her mother's people.

Many years ago Howard J. Vickers became interested in Chaddock College at Quincy, and gradually donated much of his property to that institution. He gave the old farm where his daughter Lucy was born, and made other donations. He served as a trustee of the college for many years. Howard J. Vickers married for his fourth wife Rebecca Cormeny, who is still living in Quincy. Howard Vickers was one of the leading members of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, and was an ardent prohibitionist. He married his second wife, Ann Maria Richards, February 15, 1866. It was in 1881 that he and this wife donated their \$8,000 farm to Chaddock College and thus made possible the building of Vickers Hall, consisting of a dormitory and college chapel.

Mrs. Mollenhauer inherited 140 acres from her father, and she and her husband have occupied this farm since 1901. Howard Vickers also gave them sixty acres additional, so that they now have 200 acres. Howard Vickers during his last years lived with his granddaughter Ada and her husband and depended upon them for advice and counsel in all his business matters.

Mr. Mollenhauer is a general farmer, having high grade stock of all kinds. He has served as clerk of Burton Township at three different periods, is a republican, and has served as a member of the township committee. He and his wife are active members of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a trustee and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. They are the parents of four children, great-grandchildren of Howard J. Vickers, named George Lewis, Howard Vickers and Harold Henry, twins, and Virgil Allen.

REV. CECIL CLYDE WISHER is pastor of the Christian Church at Camp Point, and as such a brief sketch of his career is appropriate for publication in this history.

Rev. Mr. Wisner was born at Centralia, Illinois, October 23, 1879, son of Samuel M. and Ruhama H. (Wright) Wisner. His mother was born in Illinois in 1854. His father was a native of Ross County, Ohio, and when a child was brought to LaSalle, Illinois, by his parents, Thomas and Harriet (Horner) Wisner. The grandparents spent many years on their farm near LaSalle and later moved to Marion County and died at Centralia. Their children were David A., Mary, John, Samuel M., Clara, Benjamin F. and William. Samuel M. Wisner has spent his active career as a farmer. He enlisted in Company B of the Eighteenth Illinois Infantry, and saw much hard service during the war. David A. and John were also soldiers, and both were wounded. Samuel Wisner is a member of the Grand Army Post, is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, is a republican, and he and his wife are active members of the Christian Church. They had five children: Olive, Cecil Clyde, Etna, Jennie and Harry.

Cecil C. Wisner spent his early life on a farm, attended the district schools, and graduated from the Edinburg High School in his home county. In 1904

he finished the literary course at Eureka College, and in 1907 was graduated from the Theological Department of the same institution. He was ordained a regular minister in 1907, but his practical work in the church began in 1902, as pastor of Bellflower in McLean County. He was there six years, and was stationed at Saybrook in the same county seven years. In 1915 he came to Camp Point, and has become greatly beloved by the people of his own church and by all the citizens of Camp Point Township. Reverend Wisher is affiliated with the Masonic Order, having taken the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He married Catherine McIntyre, of Bellflower, Illinois. They have two children: Paul Hugh, born June 28, 1909; and Catherine Ruhama, born April 18, 1911.

ROY SHARRON is a prominent young farmer and stock raiser of the Camp Point community, has served as township clerk, and in many ways has made himself a factor in that locality.

He was born on the old homestead in Houston Township February 26, 1888, a son of John and Lillie (Jacobs) Sharron. His mother was born in Houston Township December 17, 1861, daughter of John W. and Emily (Bennett) Jacobs. Emily Bennett was a daughter of Thomas Bennett, one of the pioneers of Adams County. John W. Jacobs came to this county from Indiana in an early day and was one of the largest land holders in the county, owning fully a section here and also much other land in Nebraska. He died at his home in Houston Township in 1896, and his widow is now living in Golden.

John Sharron, father of Roy, was born in Ohio in December, 1856, and came to this county when about ten years of age, traveling overland by wagon. His father, William Sharron, settled in Pike County and died there. John Sharron's mother died when he was a child. John Sharron was a farmer, was a democrat, and served many years as road commissioner. They had three sons: Lee W., on the home farm; Roy L.; and C. Earl, who spent one year in training at Camp Grant, is now a sergeant in the One Hundred and Sixty-First Regiment with the Eighty-Sixth Division, and when last reported was at Camp Mills on Long Island about to depart overseas.

Roy L. Sharron grew up on the old homestead, attended the public schools and also an academy at Iberia, Missouri. Farming has been his regular vocation since early manhood. He owns eighty-five acres in section 20 of Houston Township, and is associated with his brother Lee in the thoroughbred stock business. They have pure bred Shorthorn and Polled Durham cattle and Chester White hogs.

Mr. Roy Sharron served as township clerk four years. He is an independent democrat, is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Golden, and with the Tri-State Insurance Order. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church and very active in its work, and Mr. Sharron has been librarian, superintendent and teacher of the Bible Class in the Sunday school.

March 15, 1912, he married Miss Eula Curless. She was born in Keene Township of this county June 5, 1893. Her mother was a member of the Adair family. Her father, Addison Curless, is a merchant at Loraine. Mr. and Mrs. Sharron have two children: Velma E., born February 10, 1914, and Florence E., born in June, 1917.

JOHN JACOB WAGNER has the good fortune to call Adams County his home from birth to the present time. His life's activities have been chiefly expressed through the business of fruit growing, gardening and general farming, in which he has made a notable success. Mr. Wagner's home is in Melrose Township, and he is one of the citizens of whom there should be a definite record preserved for the sake of future generations.

Mr. Wagner was born September 3, 1863, son of Peter H. and Margaret (Muller) Wagner. He was the youngest of three children, two sons and one daughter, two of whom are still living. Peter H. Wagner was born on the



River Rhine, grew to manhood in his native land and was well educated. He came to America on board a sailing vessel, leaving Bremen and being six weeks on the ocean before landing at New York. From there he came west to St. Louis. He was a florist by occupation. About the time gold was discovered on the Pacific coast he went across the plains with a caravan made up of ox teams and wagons, and was a gold seeker and argonaut for three years. He returned to the States by the Pacific Ocean, the Isthmus of Panama, and across the Gulf to New Orleans, thence up the Mississippi River to St. Louis. In 1857 Peter Wagner came to Quincy, and this county remained his home until his death. He bought a tract of eighty acres of land in Melrose Township, and his sons still carefully preserve the government deed to that land, which is one of the few pieces of original parchment still kept by the older families. Peter Wagner was a republican in politics, but was never an aspirant for office. He and his wife were members of the German Lutheran Church. He died May 20, 1898. His wife was also born in Germany and came to the United States when a young woman. She died in November, 1884, and both are now at rest in the Green Mount Cemetery.

John Jacob Wagner was educated in the public schools of Adams County, and was well trained for the career which he has followed as a practical agriculturist. On April 7, 1885, at the age of twenty-two, he married Miss Caroline F. Pflueger. To their marriage were born six children, four sons and two daughters, all of whom are still living. Bessie received her diploma from the eighth grade of the public schools and is now the wife of Jacob Kroenke, a farmer at Eubank Station. They have a daughter, Ruth. Charles H., the oldest son, lives in Riverside Township and is a carrier on the rural mail route. He is married and has two daughters, Margaret and Marian. Jacob, the second son, is connected with the Cudahy Company at Quincy and is married. Albert G. is at home and assisting his father in the management of the farm. Maymie completed the course of the eighth grade and is at home. Oscar is the youngest child and has also been given a good education. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner among other accomplishments deserve credit for the family they have reared and the education they have provided them as a training for their responsible careers.

Mrs. Wagner was born in Adams County November 29, 1864. She had a good practical education, and has made a splendid home maker and mother, and has a host of friends in the community.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wagner began life on their present farm, and its substantial improvements largely represent the expenditure of their energies, planning and persistent work. The Wagner farm comprises forty-five acres, splendidly situated on the State Aid road, and is cultivated almost as a complete garden and orchard, fruit and vegetables being the crops that have brought abundance and prosperity to the family.

In politics Mr. Wagner is an independent, giving his vote where he thinks it will do the most good. He has been a stanch friend of the public schools, and for twenty-four years was a school director in his district. He is affiliated with Lodge No. 39 of the Masons at Quincy and is also a past noble grand of Adams Lodge No. 365 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife and family are active in the German Lutheran Church. There is unusual coincidence in the dates of the children's birth. Bessie and Jacob were both born on February 28th, four years apart, while Charles and Maymie celebrate their birthday anniversaries on the 12th of May.

JOHN EHMAN, one of the widely known men in Northeastern Adams County, a practical and successful farmer, was born in Houston Township of this county October 1, 1869, son of E. and Rinnie Ehmen. His father came to Adams County when about twenty-one years of age, and the mother when a child with her parents, the Miller family locating in Clayton Township. Mr. Ehmen's father was a blacksmith by trade, and located at Chatten in Houston Township, where he conducted a shop for many years and where he died in 1904, at the



age of sixty-five. His widow survived until September 20, 1917, and died at the age of sixty-eight. They were members of the Lutheran Church at Golden and the father was a democrat. Their family consisted of John, Mary, Geesche, Trenke, Minnie, Emma, George, Albert, Richard and Anna. The son Albert is now railway station agent at Chatten, an office formerly held by his father.

John Ehmen was educated at Chatten, and since reaching his majority has applied his efforts most successfully to farming. He bought a farm of 120 acres in Northeast Township, sold that and bought twenty-four acres in the Village of Golden, building a house and otherwise improving it, but sold that in 1914 and came to his present place in Clayton Township, where he has 120 acres. Mr. Ehmen is independent in politics and a member of the Lutheran Church.

In February, 1893, he married Miss Hiemke Post, daughter of Fred Post, of Champaign County, Illinois. They have two children: Emma, born April 16, 1895, and Grace Lucile, born July 28, 1906. Emma is the wife of Henry R. Gronewald, of Houston Township, and they have three children: Luellen, Leo and Violet.

CHRISTOPHER S. BOOTH is a member of one of the oldest families of Adams County, and has become widely known both here and elsewhere for his strongly original qualities of mind and his inventive genius.

Mr. Booth was born in Gilmer Township, March 19, 1856, a son of William A. and Marie Jane (Bradley) Booth. This branch of the Booth family, which has been so numerously represented in Adams County, originated with William Booth, who was born in England in February, 1745. He emigrated to America and settled in the Virginia colonies and later went across the mountains to Kentucky. At one time he was a pioneer school teacher. He died in Kentucky. The record of his children is: Polly, born May 22, 1774; George, born February 14, 1777; John, born June 7, 1779; William, born February 14, 1781; Stephen, born February 14, 1786; Anderson, born May 4, 1789; Elijah, born January 20, 1791; and Prudence, born December 8, 1795.

Stephen Booth, who was born in Virginia February 14, 1786, went to Kentucky in 1807. He married in that state Mary Congleton in 1811. In 1833 Stephen Booth brought his family to Adams County, Illinois, and settled in Ursa Township, where he did his part in clearing up the wilderness and also in establishing homes and civilized institutions. He was a large land owner there and he died in that locality in 1867. His children were: Armelda, born July 30, 1812; Clarinda, born January 16, 1814; Nancy, born May 17, 1815; William Anderson, born October 9, 1818; Elizabeth, born October 26, 1820; Judith, born December 3, 1822; Emily, born September 26, 1825; Mary Martha, born January 3, 1828; Sarah Ann, born February 5, 1830; Christopher Columbus, born December 8, 1831; and Catherine Frances, born October 11, 1835.

William A. Booth, father of Christopher S., was born in Kentucky October 9, 1818, was reared in that state, and was fifteen years of age when brought to Adams County. For a time he was a schoolmaster, but his chief interests were farming and breeding Merino sheep. He established a large farm of 400 acres two miles west of Columbus in Gilmer Township, and in 1880 moved to Camp Point Township and bought a farm of 265 acres two miles southwest of the village of that name. On that farm he spent his last days and died August 3, 1890. His wife, Marie A. Bradley, was born in Kentucky in 1833, and died March 23, 1913. William A. Booth was a republican and held the office of assessor in Gilmer Township, and during 1861-62 made up the militia roll of the township. His wife was a member of the Christian Church. Their family consisted of the following children: Mary Frances, born March 7, 1854; Christopher Stephen, born March 19, 1856; John Anderson, born December 31, 1857; Nellie, born July 5, 1862; Lulu E., born July 12, 1864; W., born June 14, 1868; Newton, born November 18, 1869; and Ida, born February 25, 1872, and died in February, 1873.

Christopher S. Booth grew up on the old homestead in Gilmer Township, and after 1880 lived on the farm in Camp Point Township. In 1891 he and his mother removed to the Village of Camp Point, where his mother died and where Mr. Booth still maintains his home. Since about 1887 he has given much of his time to the perfection of various mechanical devices, many of them covered by patents. His most important work probably was in perfecting the typewriting machine. He originated what is known as the long bearing type bar. There was a contest over this invention and in 1890 he went to the courts with the matter with W. K. Jenney, superintendent of the Remington Typewriter Company, and Alexander T. Brown, inventor for the Smith-Premier Typewriter Company. Before the litigation had been ended and a decision made as to which party was entitled to the priority of invention, the Smith-Premier Company bought Mr. Booth's application of the principle, and thus eliminated further contest. His type bar was extensively used and exploited by the Smith-Premier Company.

Mr. Booth has usually been a republican in politics. He has contributed many articles to newspapers on political and social subjects. He was the first secretary of the Adams County Farm Institute. He was also the first to propose the improvement of Bailey Park, and was one of the first three park commissioners. Religiously Mr. Booth described himself as a member of the human family and entitled to all the rights and privileges of the most favored classes. From 1893 to 1903 he was a stockholder in the People's Bank of Camp Point.

**WILLIAM B. LIERLE.** Probably no family has had longer associations with Columbus Township than the Lierles. One of this family is William B. Lierle, who owns a farm of 105 acres in section 32 of Columbus. This farm is well drained and has fair building improvements.

Mr. Lierle was born in Liberty Township March 7, 1847, son of Zachariah and Nancy (Wilks) Lierle. Zachariah Lierle was a native of North Carolina. His grandfather, Zachariah Lierle, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and late in life came to Adams County and was laid to rest in Liberty Township, his grave being carefully marked and preserved as that of the only Revolutionary soldier buried in the county. In the same plot was laid to rest a Frenchman who saw active service in Napoleon's army from 1812 to 1815. Zachariah Lierle, father of William B., was born in 1790 and died in Northwestern Missouri in 1874, at the age of eighty-four. He married for his second wife Polly Tournay, a daughter of the French soldier above referred to.

The mother of William B. Lierle died in 1849, at the age of twenty-five, and was buried in the Lierle cemetery in Liberty Township. Besides William B. she left a son George and a daughter Jane, who married Daniel L. Wilhoit.

The Lierles came into Adams County fully eighty years ago. One of the family was William Lierle, grandfather of William B. He was one of the original seventy-two voters of Adams County at the first election, all of them voting at Quincy. The maternal grandfather of William B. Lierle was Coleman Wilks, who came to Adams County from Kentucky prior to 1830 and entered government land in Columbus Township. He died during the Civil war, when about sixty years of age. Two of his sons, William and Coleman, Jr., crossed the plains with ox teams in 1849, spent two years in California, and returned by way of the Isthmus.

William B. Lierle married March 2, 1876, in Liberty Township, Eliza E. Schwarz. She was born in that township in 1857, daughter of Jacob Schwarz, a native of Germany who came to the United States when a young man and married at Quincy Miss Elizabeth Cox. The Schwarz family for many years lived as farmers in Liberty Township. Mrs. Lierle died at her home in February, 1889. She was the mother of three children. Fred T. is a well educated musician, has his home in Chicago, but spends most of his time traveling, following his profession. Mattie J. is the wife of Gus Parn, and lives on a farm in Columbus Township. William Roseoe now operates the home farm of his



father. He married May Deming, formerly a teacher. They have two children, Melvin E., born in 1912, and Rex, born in 1914. Mr. Lierle is a democrat and his sons follow the same line of thought.

**IVIN BLACK.** One of the oldest communities in Clayton Township is that grouped around what is known as Black's Station, and here the Black family have resided through three generations. The present representative is Ivin Black, a farmer, stock man and merchant, who has spent all his life in that community.

He was born in Clayton Township June 19, 1869, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Crippen) Black. His father was born in Tennessee in 1834 and his mother in Virginia in 1837. Samuel Black came to Adams County when a child with his parents, Amzi and Amy (Campbell) Black. They located in Clayton Village, for a few years kept one of the old country inns there, and afterward located on a farm in the same township, where Amzi Black died when about fifty-six years of age near what is now Black's Station. His widow died at Golden at the age of seventy-five. Their children were: Samuel; a son that died in infancy; Mary, wife of James Beckett, of Golden.

Samuel Black was the son of a teacher, and acquired much of his education at home and through his own efforts. He became a very skillful penman and taught that art several years. One the whole, however, he was a farmer and grain merchant, and for a number of years he and his son Ivin were associated at Black's Station as dealers in agricultural implements. He was a republican, served as supervisor of Clayton Township, was a member of Clayton Lodge of Masons, and he and his wife were Presbyterians. Samuel Black died in May, 1912, and his wife in October, 1911. Their children were: William L., now of Kansas City; Carrie, deceased; Rosa, wife of Christ Holock, of Golden; and Ivin.

Ivin Black grew up on the old farm, attended the public schools, and has given his mature years to grain dealing, handling agricultural implements, and in the practical operations of farming. He owns a fine place of 200 acres, including Black's Station.

Mr. Black is a republican and a member of the Methodist Church at Golden. December 21, 1892, he married Miss Rosa Bottorff. She was born in Camp Point Township, daughter of James Bottorff, of Clayton Township. Mr. and Mrs. Black have two children. Irma, born March 1, 1897, is a graduate of the Maplewood High School, spent one year at the Macomb Normal, and is now a student in the Gem City Business College. Orrin, born March 29, 1901, is now a pupil in the Maplewood High School.

**HENRY B. WHITFORD** is of one of the pioneer families of Adams County, and has grown up and spent practically all his life on the farm where he was born November 13, 1861.

His parents were Henry S. and Myra C. (Clark) Whitford, the former a native of Providence, Rhode Island, and the latter of New York State. Henry S. Whitford came to Adams County about 1833, bought land and became an extensive owner of real estate both here and in Hancock County. He owned 320 acres where his son Henry B. now lives and also had 170 acres in Hancock County. He was a republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died at the advanced age of eighty-eight. He married his first wife in Rhode Island and had one child by that union. He also married Sarah Downing, and by that union had ten children, those still living being James T., Lydia A., E. C., John S. and Mary C. By his marriage to Myra Clark his children were: Henry B.; Alice E., wife of J. S. Wallace; Dora A., wife of W. S. Stabler; Fannie C., wife of Charles Downing; and Daniel W.

Henry B. Whitford grew up in Adams County, attended the public schools and also the Maplewood High School at Camp Point. As a farmer he now directs the activities of 460 acres, raising general crops and livestock, and is a



large cattle feeder. In politics he is a republican and attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

June 5, 1912, Mr. Whitford married Miss Amelia Arntzen, of near Quincy. They have one child, Myra Elisa, born August 6, 1914.

JOHN DECKER, one of the best known stock men and farmers of Adams County, came here without means many years ago, and gained his present prosperity through a beginning made as a farm hand at the normal wages paid at that time.

Mr. Decker was born in Germany April 1, 1842, son of John and Hannah Decker. His mother died in 1846 and his father in 1876. His father was born March 3, 1800.

John Decker was reared and educated in Germany and in 1871 came to Adams County. When he arrived here he was \$65 in debt. He worked as a farm hand at \$18 and \$20 a month, and finally invested his modest accumulations and savings in eighty acres that he still owns. He has since increased his holdings until he has 515 acres, all of it representing his management, industry and good judgment. Mr. Decker has long been an extensive cattle feeder, has a large herd of Polled Angus cattle, and keeps a large drove of hogs.

He is a republican and has served as a director of his local schools for thirty years. In church affiliation he is a Lutheran. Mr. Decker married in Brown County, Illinois, Miss Minnie Hildebrandt. Mrs. Decker was born in Adams County in 1852. Her father, Alfred Hildebrandt, came here in 1850 and died at the advanced age of ninety-two. Mr. and Mrs. Decker have had seven children: Hannah, who died in 1916; Folka; John; Minnie, deceased; Albert, who lives in Nebraska; Harm and Annie.

JOHN E. MEATHERINGHAM. For over sixty years the name Meatheringham has been identified with the farm progress and good citizenship of Clayton Township, where John E. Meatheringham, owner of one of the valuable farm homes of that community, was born April 7, 1874.

His parents were William and Zebuline (Horner) Meatheringham. His mother was born near Columbus, Ohio, in 1851, daughter of William Horner, of a well known Adams County family. William Meatheringham was born in Lincolnshire, England, July 6, 1844, and was a child when brought in 1851 by his parents, James and Elizabeth (Roland) Meatheringham, to Adams County. Mrs. Elizabeth Meatheringham died here in 1916, at the very advanced age of ninety-eight. Her children were Janette, Carrie, Elizabeth, Susan, John, William and James. William Meatheringham grew up in Adams County, and after reaching his majority bought a farm in Missouri, subsequently trading that for the 160 acre farm in Clayton Township where he now lives retired. He is a republican, has served as road commissioner, is a member of Clayton Lodge of Odd Fellows and of the Christian Church. His wife died in 1909, mother of five children: James William, Anne L., John Ellsworth, Lula, who died in childhood, and Dessie Carrol.

John E. Meatheringham grew up on the home farm and had a good education, beginning with the public schools, continuing with the Western Normal at Bushnell, and finally at the Christian University at Canton, Missouri. For two winters he was employed to teach the old home district. Later he took the agricultural course at the Illinois State University, and has since been a practical and progressive farmer. He bought a place of sixty acres in section 30 of Clayton Township, and later traded that for his present farm of 167 acres in section 32, known as the Robert Banton farm. He is using his land and other resources to the best of his ability and is regarded as one of the most efficient agriculturists in his community. Mr. Meatheringham has also interested himself in local affairs, has served as a member of the school board, is a republican and a member of the Christian Church at Camp Point.

In 1898 he married Miss Minnie Hoke, of Clayton Township, daughter of

Leonard C. Hoke. Mrs. Meatheringham died in October, 1911. In 1912 he married for his present wife Miss Lena P. Roath, of Sterling, Illinois. They have two children: Roath E., born October 18, 1914, and Carol, born September 4, 1918.

HENRY A. EASUM, of Clayton Township, represents a pioneer family of the county, and is connected by marriage with some of the very first families to acquire homes in this part of the state.

Mr. Easum was born in Clayton Township October 6, 1859, son of Charles and Margaret (Swope) Easum. His father was born July 16, 1807, and his mother September 29, 1815, both in Indiana. They were early settlers in Adams County, locating in Clayton Township, where they had a farm of 160 acres. The father died August 21, 1871, and the mother January 8, 1865. Their children were James, Matilda, Charles William and John, both of whom served three years as Union soldiers in the Civil war, Lydia, Albert, George, Francis, Mary, Susan and Henry A.

Henry A. Easum grew up on a farm in Clayton Township, attended school there and also in Cass County, and since 1889 has been busily engaged in looking after his farm of 160 acres. He is a republican, has served on the school board and as road commissioner, and is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

February 16, 1886, Mr. Easum married Miss Martha Gay. She was born in Clayton Township December 7, 1860. Her great-grandfather, James Gay, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Her grandfather was William Gay, who was born in North Carolina October 28, 1772. William Gay married Ann Rutledge, born July 5, 1783. They came west soon after their marriage, first settling in Indiana, where William Gay died. His widow spent her last days in Adams County. Abel Gay, father of Mrs. Easum, was born in North Carolina November 27, 1820. As a young man he learned the trade of tanner. On coming to Adams County he engaged in farming, and married here Nancy Douglas, who was born in Kentucky October 26, 1828. Her parents were Joseph and Jane (McMurray) Douglas, both natives of Kentucky. After their marriage they came to Adams County in 1835 and settled near Quincy on a farm, later coming to the land where Mr. and Mrs. Easum now live.

Abel Gay spent much of his married life on the farm now owned by Mr. Easum. He died there in 1888 and his wife on November 16, 1914. Abel Gay was a republican, and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their children were George, Emily, Joseph, Martha, Lillie and William.

Mr. and Mrs. Easum have seven children, and a service flag in their home betokens that two of the sons are with the allied armies. The oldest child is Leon, who is now in France with the Eighty-Eighth Division. The second child, Edith, died in infancy. Dora married Herschel Mitchell. Chester is a second lieutenant in the Three Hundred and Sixty-Ninth Regiment, with the armies in France. The younger children, at home, are Elmer, Ruth and Margaret.

HEZEKIAH G. HENRY is one of the most prominent bankers of Adams County, has organized and managed several banks at Camp Point and other towns, and has been a resident of this county for a quarter of a century or more.

Mr. Henry was born near Indianapolis, Indiana, July 18, 1866, son of Dr. James and Caroline (Smart) Henry. His father was born in County Derry, Ireland, and his mother in Kentucky. Dr. James Henry was one of a family of twelve children. After coming to America he served as a soldier in the Civil war four years and ten months, and for ten months after the war was employed in establishing some of the national soldiers cemeteries. He then took up the study of medicine, graduated from the Bellevue Medical Hospital of New



York City and the Rush Medical College of Chicago, and began practice at Columbus, Illinois. Later he practiced for a number of years at LaHarpe in Hancock County, and on retiring moved to Galesburg, where he died. He was a republican, a member of the Masonic Lodge at LaHarpe, and he and his wife were Congregationalists. His widow is now living at Santa Anna, California. Their children were: Hezekiah G., Berdenia, Bess, Alexander, James and Fannie, the last three now deceased.

Mr. H. G. Henry received some of his education in Columbus, graduated from the Giddings Seminary at LaHarpe and from Elliott's Business College at Burlington, Iowa. He received his early banking training at LaHarpe, and in 1893 came to Camp Point and organized the People's Private Bank. He has been its cashier ever since. Mr. Henry organized the Farmers Bank at Liberty and the Paloma Exchange Bank and the Beverly Bank, all in Adams County, and all reflecting his ability and energy as a banker. These institutions now have aggregate deposits of about a million dollars.

Mr. Henry is a republican, has served as mayor of Camp Point two terms, and is a member of the State Board of Equalization and president of the Adams County Sunday School Association. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, is affiliated with Lodge No. 197, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Camp Point Chapter No. 77, Royal Arch Masons, Delta Commandery, Knights Templars, at Clayton, Quincy Consistory, and the Eastern Star and Mystic Shrine at Springfield. He is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Henry married Miss Maude Smith, of LaHarpe. She was the mother of three children, Riva, James and Maude. Maude is now deceased. For his second wife Mr. Henry married Mattie C. Farlow, daughter of Samuel Farlow, of Camp Point. His daughter Riva married Rev. R. L. Long, pastor of the Collingwood Avenue Presbyterian Church of Toledo. Mr. and Mrs. Long have two children, Robert H. and Martha.

James Henry was educated in the Maplewood High School at Camp Point, spent one year at Colorado College at Colorado Springs, also attended the Gem City Business College and the Northwest Military and Naval Academy. He is now head of one of the committees of the Auditing Department of the First National Bank of Chicago.

CHARLES EMORY CAIN, who owns one of the large and well managed farms of Clayton Township, was born in that township December 14, 1861, and his family has been in Adams County since pioneer times.

His grandfather was Philip Cain, who married Ruth De Moss. On coming to Adams County in 1840 they settled in Clayton Township, acquiring a tract of timbered land and clearing it up into a good farm of 160 acres. Philip Cain spent his last years retired at Golden and died in 1892, at the age of eighty-six. His wife died in 1887. He was a democrat in politics. Philip Cain and wife had the following children: John, Abel, Nelson, Samuel, Laban, Lewis, Philip, Hannah and Margaret.

Samuel Cain, father of Charles E., was born in Ohio September 10, 1837, and was three years old when his parents came to Adams County. He was educated in the public schools of Clayton Township, and as a farmer owned eighty acres of good land and for some years was also a merchant at Clayton. He died in 1910. He was a democrat, and served as road commissioner some years. He and his wife were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Samuel Cain married Margaret Wilson, who was born in Ohio March 10, 1841, and is still living. Their children were Charles Emory, and Lenora, the latter dying in January, 1904.

Charles Emory Cain grew up on a farm, and at the age of twenty-one moved to the Village of Clayton with his parents. In March, 1886, he came to his present farm of 160 acres, and has been busily engaged in its cultivation and management for over thirty years. Mr. Cain is a democrat without political



aspirations, is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Clayton and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

March 15, 1886, he married Miss Dora A. Curry, member of an old and well known family of Adams County. She was born in Clayton Township March 15, 1858, daughter of Benjamin A. and Mary A. (Majors) Curry. Her father was born in Kentucky May 8, 1825, and her mother in Ohio August 3, 1831. Benjamin Curry was a son of Thomas S. and Malinda (Murphy) Curry, who drove overland from Kentucky to Adams County in 1837. Benjamin Curry was an excellent farmer and a good business man, and accumulated about 700 acres in Adams County. He was a republican, quite active in politics, and served as supervisor, assessor and road commissioner. His wife was a member of the Christian Church. Mrs. Cain's mother died in 1865, the mother of five children, Amanda J. and Harriet Elizabeth, both deceased, and Linnie A., Dora A. and Nellie G. In 1866 Benjamin Curry married Lucy J. Hoskins, who died in October, 1881, the mother of Edgar T., Charles Samuel and Carrie E., all still living. In 1884 Benjamin Curry married Mrs. Lavina Benton, and she now lives with a daughter in Kansas City. Benjamin Curry died June 29, 1915.

Mr. and Mrs. Cain have had four children: Everett E., who died at the age of five years; Rilla, who married Howard Veach, a hardware merchant of Clayton, and they have one child, Vivian E.; Benjamin Emory, who is now a soldier at Camp Taylor, and married Lula B. Hamilton; and Mary M., a teacher at Dallas City, Illinois.

JAMES HENRY CRAFTON is one of the vice presidents of the Gem City Business College. Probably no other one institution has given Quincy a wider and better fame than this college, and it is the gratifying privilege of Mr. Crafton, who has been connected with the college as a teacher and officer for thirty-five years, that he has been able to impress, guide and direct so many former students, many of whom are now among America's successful business men, and scattered over all the states of the Union.

Mr. Crafton was born September 20, 1856, in Griggsville, Pike County, Illinois, son of Jesse J. and Nancy E. Crafton, both of whom were of English parentage. The Craftons first settled in Kentucky, went from there to Indiana, and arrived in Illinois in pioneer days. Nancy E. Crafton's family lived in New York State near Elmira. She was stolen from her mother when only five years of age and brought west, the people who had taken her finally settling in Pike County, Illinois. J. J. and Nancy E. Crafton had seven sons, two of whom are still living. J. J. Crafton died in 1863 and his wife in 1900.

James Henry Crafton, or Harry as he is better known among his friends and intimate associates, attended school at Griggsville to the age of twelve, and then moved with his parents to La Prairie, Illinois, and later to Delavan, this state, where he continued to attend school. He taught his first school when about sixteen years of age, and since completing his high school work that has been his regular occupation. He taught in the country and the graded schools of Tazewell and Mason counties for a number of years. In the meantime he was increasing his own proficiency by attending the normal at Bloomington, the Illinois University, and he has the degree Ph. B. from old Chaddock College at Quincy.

In order to perfect himself further in commercial arts Mr. Crafton entered the Gem City Business College in 1882. He did not realize it at the time, but that opened to him his big opportunity of life. After he was graduated he was selected by the president, Mr. D. L. Musselman, as a teacher. For about twenty-five years he continued as principal of the Actual Business and Banking Department of the College and was then elected one of the vice presidents, and has since been superintendent of the business departments and registrar of the institution. Mr. Crafton is identified with business interests of Quincy in many ways. He is a director of the Illinois State Bank, vice president of the Gem City Building and Loan Association, is a member of the Vermont Street

Methodist Episcopal Church, and treasurer of its board of trustees. In 1899 he married Miss Fidelia M. Schaffnit of Red Cloud, Nebraska. They have one daughter, Louise.

**SAMUEL A. BAKER.** Over a period of years that is longer than the recollection of many except the very oldest settlers the Baker family have been residents and prominent factors in Richfield Township. One of the best known representatives of the family today is Samuel A. Baker, who is living in the house in which he was born in section 19, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  miles east of Plainville.

He was born there December 10, 1861, son of Simon M. and Ann (Lamb) Baker. The family have an interesting history. In the days of the Cromwellian Commonwealth in England two brothers, Jacob and Joseph, cavaliers and loyalists to King Charles I, escaped from England and came to the Colonies. Joseph settled in Virginia. Jacob first located in Philadelphia, but later descendants moved to Virginia, and he was head of the present line. One of his descendants was Samuel, whose son was Jacob, and who in turn was father of Cornelius, the father of Simon M. Cornelius was born in Virginia in 1793. Jacob, father of Cornelius, served as a soldier of the Revolutionary war, while his father, Samuel, was an officer in the same struggle. Samuel had taken a grant of land from Lord Fairfax. He leased this land for a period of ninety-nine years. The lease expired about 1872, but during the Civil war all records were destroyed and consequently the claims of the family have not been validated.

Cornelius Baker came to Illinois in 1851 with his son Simon M., who was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, now West Virginia. Cornelius settled in section 20 of Richfield Township and died there October 13, 1865. He owned a 200 acre farm and was one of the leading members of the Shiloh Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his son Simon was also a trustee and one of the builders. Cornelius married Phoebe Swisher, who died young. His second wife was Lydia Arnett. By his first wife he had six children and seven by the second marriage, none of whom are now living. John Baker, who died in Kansas in 1913, was the last survivor of this family of thirteen. Only three others besides Simon M. remained in Richfield: Louisa, who married Abram Millslagle and died at the age of seventy-eight; Aaron, who lived and raised a family on the Cornelius Baker Farm and was active in democratic politics and held various local offices; and Hannah Rice, who left honorable descendants in the township.

Simon M. Baker married in Hancock County, Illinois, October 8, 1856, Mrs. Ann (Lamb) Doolittle. She was born in Ohio, and went with her family to eastern Illinois in 1842, at the age of thirteen. By her first marriage she had a son, Milan, who is now living at Garden City, Kansas. Her grandfather, Capt. Daniel S. Lamb, served as an officer in the Revolutionary war and lived near Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He spent his fortune feeding soldiers during the war, and after that struggle re-established himself as a teacher, starting the first English academy in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, near Winchester. In that work he was assisted by his cultured daughters. William Lamb, father of Mrs. Simon Baker, was born in Pennsylvania and during the War of 1812 as a boy hauled cannon for the army. His team of six horses had been impressed for the government service. Later he settled near Newark, Ohio, and in 1842 moved to Crawford County, Illinois, and died there about 1852. He was a man of great public spirit and was one of three who laid out the county seat of Crawford County.

After his marriage Simon M. Baker and wife spent all their lives on the home farm in Richfield Township. In 1859 he built the present substantial home where his son resides. Originally he owned 157 acres, but his prosperity brought him the ownership of 400 acres in different tracts. The first tract contained fifty acres of prairie, covered with brush, and he cleared that up. He was an extensive raiser of cattle and hogs and a democrat in politics, but always refused office. Simon Baker died January 15, 1890, and his widow sur-



vived him almost twenty years, passing away January 12, 1910. He was sixty-eight years of age at the time of his death and his widow eighty-one. They had three children to reach maturity: Minerva, who became the wife of Sylvester Cunningham and died at Richfield at the age of forty-two; Julia M., who married Millard Lester and died soon afterwards; and Samuel A.

Samuel A. Baker took a course in the Gem City Business College at Quincy and received a certificate to teach, but never used it. At the age of twenty-two he went into the hardware business at Plainville in company with Charles W. Sturtevant. He was in that business four years and then took charge of the farm. His father had given each of the daughters a tract of land and Samuel A. received 200 acres, including the old homestead. There he has lived and worked ever since. He built a large cattle barn and lost the old horse barn by fire, entailing a loss of \$1,000. He has won prosperity in spite of numerous losses. A lot of hogs died at a loss of \$1,000. He keeps a bunch of cattle and runs a general purpose farm and for some years was well known as a breeder of Shorthorn cattle.

For three years Mr. Baker was postmaster at Plainville during the Cleveland administration. He has always been a loyal democrat and has been county committeeman. For twenty-five years he has been a trustee of the Shiloh Methodist Church.

October 2, 1887, Mr. Baker married Virginia G. Hull, daughter of J. P. Hull and of a well known family elsewhere represented in this publication. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have three children: Simon Peyton, who is a student of law in the University of Michigan with the class of 1919; Loraine E., who was in the army in camps in Arizona and California, and is now at home; and Cornelia A., who graduated from the Charles W. Seymour Memorial High School at Payson in 1918.

JAMES SYKES, M. D. Since the earliest recorded events of history in Beverly Township there has not been a more numerous or more prominent family than that of Sykes. One member was the late James Sykes, whose services are especially well remembered as a physician. He performed a steady country practice for upwards of thirty years, and was also a man of great business judgment and a successful accumulator of land and other property.

He was born in Beverly Township  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles southeast of the village of that name May 22, 1844, and died March 3, 1910. His father, William Sykes, was born in England in 1817, and was brought to America by his parents in 1821. In 1834 the Sykes family came west and settled in Beverly Township, where the father of William built the second house in the township, on section 21. Doctor Sykes' grandfather died in 1852 and his grandmother in 1850. William Sykes was seventeen years old when brought to Adams County, and he spent his active life as a farmer in section 28 of Beverly Township. In 1840 he married Eliza G. Raymond, and their three children were William R., James and John G. John G. now owns and resides at the old home farm. William Sykes was for many years active in local affairs, serving thirty years as justice of the peace and twenty-eight years as township treasurer. Dr. James Sykes grew up on the home farm, studied in the local schools, and studied medicine privately and later in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, from which he graduated May 21, 1864. He was immediately commissioned an assistant surgeon in the Army of the Cumberland, and spent one year at Memphis, Tennessee. He was then transferred to Custer's Cavalry, and spent one year on the western plains, participating in several Indian campaigns. He was finally mustered out at Fort Dodge, Kansas, March 1, 1868.

He first developed a private practice at Lancaster, Missouri, but soon returned to Adams County and located at Beverly, where his services were in constant demand until his own impaired health compelled him to retire. He was a republican in politics and was a loyal Mason, being a member of Kingston Lodge, three miles from his home. This lodge attended his funeral in a



body. He was laid to rest in the Mound Prairie Cemetery a mile east of Beverly. While not a member of any church he was a liberal contributor to church causes and objects. He owned several farms, showing a great deal of wisdom and judgment in handling his property and continued active in business affairs until his death. The home in which he lived so many years was built about forty years ago, and during his lifetime it was the center of much hospitality. He enjoyed company, and his liberal mind enabled him to discuss public questions and other affairs with intelligence.

On April 10, 1872, Doctor Sykes married Helen Harper Godfrey, daughter of John F. and Helen Godfrey. Her father was born in England in 1823, and in 1850 married Helen Thorburn, a native of Ohio. The Godfrey family came to Adams County in the fall of 1857 and were long identified with the farming community around Beverly. Mrs. Sykes was born in Belmont County, Ohio, and was three years of age when her parents moved to Beverly Township. Her father died at the age of seventy-seven and her mother at seventy-five. Mrs. Sykes has two sisters, Lizzie and Emma Godfrey, living at Beverly. Mrs. Sykes was educated at Beverly. She became the mother of ten children: Marian F., whose home is in Texas; Eliza, wife of C. A. Beavers, living near Jacksonville, Illinois; Howard J., who died at the age of five years; Helen, who became a trained nurse and died in 1915; Annie, wife of Dr. Virgil Beavers, a large land owner at China, Texas; Everett W., who graduated from Northwestern University Medical School at Chicago, and practiced his profession for two years in the State of Idaho, until the death of his father, since which time he has lived with his mother; Florence, still at home; Raymond, a farmer in Beverly Township; Thorburn, whose home is in Idaho, and who during the war was a soldier in the United States army; and Mildred, wife of Harry Stillflew, who also was a soldier in the United States army, now living on the old Godfrey farm south of Beverly.

ISAAC CUTTER. Masonry in its various branches has always been a flourishing institution in Quincy and Adams County, and it seems very appropriate that the present Grand Secretary Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois should be a resident of the county.

Mr. Isaac Cutter in addition to his prominence in the fraternal world has for many years been closely identified with local affairs of different kinds at Camp Point, and was in the railway postal service for a quarter of a century.

He was born at Elmwood, Peoria County, Illinois, January 7, 1854, and the Cutter family is descended from the Crusaders and from ancestors who landed at Plymouth Rock with the Pilgrim Fathers. His parents were Vachel Metcalf and Elizabeth (McRill) Cutter. Their children were: Isaac and William, both residents of Camp Point; Thomas, of St. Louis; Mrs. Lucinda Detrich, deceased; Eliza, wife of J. G. Hostetter, of Camp Point; Mary Carp, of Cameron, Missouri; Bessie, wife of John Hoskins, of Chicago.

Isaac Cutter finished his education in the Maplewood High School at Camp Point, and had the highest grades of his class. He finished the course, but there were no graduation exercises then. His first active experience was as a school teacher, and from that he entered the postal service as a railway clerk. He was in that work for twenty-five years, and when he resigned was head clerk. Mr. Cutter continued with the railway mail service until he entered upon his present duties as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

At Camp Point he served one year as president of the school board and is now president of the Camp Point Building and Loan Association. Mr. Cutter is a republican, a member of the Camp Point Commercial Club, of the Christian Church and president of the Adams County Christian Church Association.

At Camp Point September 14, 1876, he married Mary Eliza Hart, daughter of Thomas West and Maria (Denny) Hart. They have one daughter, Flora May Cutter, born July 22, 1877. On December 2, 1903, she was married to

Arthur C. Boger. Mr. and Mrs. Boger have one child, Mary Catherine Boger, born August 13, 1915.

Mr. Cutter's local affiliations with Masonry are with Benjamin Lodge No. 297, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Camp Point. He was Master of his Lodge three years. Of his varied service as a teacher of Masonry he served twenty years as Grand Lecturer, six years as Grand Examiner, and he has been Grand Secretary of the Illinois Lodge for twelve years. He is member and Past High Priest of Camp Point Chapter No. 170, Royal Arch Masons, belongs to Delta Commandery, Knights Templars, of Clayton, to the Royal and Select Masters in the Council at Bloomington, Quincy Consistory, S. P. R. S., is Past Sovereign Prince of the Princes of Jerusalem and is an honorary member of the Supreme Council of the thirty-third degree for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. He is also a member of Mahomed Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Peoria. Mr. Cutter is honorary member of Acacia Fraternity of the University of Illinois, and the following lodges have bestowed on him the honors of membership: Bodley Lodge No. 1 at Quincy, Herman Lodge No. 39, Quincy Lodge No. 296 and Lambert Lodge No. 659, all of Quincy. Alpha Lodge No. 155 and Vesper Lodge No. 584, at Galesburg, Loraine Lodge No. 893 at Loraine, Bloomington Lodge No. 43 at Bloomington, Kilwinning Lodge No. 311, and Woodlawn Park Lodge No. 841 of Chicago. He is also a member of the Grand Lecturers Club of Quincy, the Masonic Secretaries Association of Chicago, and the Grand Secretaries Guild of the United States.

Mr. Cutter is a member of Excalibur Lodge No. 299, Knights of Pythias, at Camp Point, is a Past Chancellor Commander, and for eight years represented the Lodge in Grand Lodge. With the Sons of Veterans he is a member of Illinois State Camp No. 100 at Chicago, and a life member of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Mr. Cutter has been a leader in many patriotic movements, being chairman of the local committee of the National Defense, chairman of the local committee of the Protective League and the Security League, is vice president of the local organization of the Red Cross and chairman of the Troop Committee of the Boy Scouts of Camp Point.

CHARLES HENRY TURNER was an Adams County citizen who put into a comparatively brief life the energy and achievements that sum up the successful career. He was one of the best known residents of Concord Township, and his home farm, now carefully cultivated by his sons, is three miles southeast of Clayton.

He was born in Columbus Township of this county December 16, 1856, and died December 4, 1915, when nearly fifty-nine years of age. His parents were John F. and Isabel (Smith) Turner. His mother was a native of Adams County and his father probably also. The grandparents came from Kentucky, settling in the early days 2½ miles east of Columbus. John F. Turner spent all his life in Columbus Township and was a highly prosperous farmer. He and his wife had three sons: Charles Henry; William E., who died at the age of fifty-four in Houston Township, where his widow, Mrs. Alvira Turner, is still living; and Lincoln, who died at the age of sixteen. A sister of John F. Turner is Ellen Wallace. Mrs. William McDonald, of Clayton, is a niece of John F. Turner.

Charles Henry Turner grew up at the old home, living there until his marriage on March 9, 1882, to Mildred Curry. She was born in the Village of Columbus and was twenty-one years old at the time of her marriage. Her parents were Lewis and Mary Jane (Roseberry) Curry.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Turner rented the old Turner farm for five years, and then for three or four years lived north of Coatsburg. In 1891 they moved to the present home farm. This was originally the Hopper farm, comprising 140 acres. Mr. Turner got this land from his father, who gave each son a farm. It cost \$65 an acre. All the building improvements were put upon



it by the late Charles H. Turner, who left it one of the best farms in Adams County. It comprises a fine body of what was once prairie land and the soil is unsurpassed in productivity. The farm is now worth \$200 an acre. There is a good house, outbuildings to correspond, and there are several living springs on the land. The late Mr. Turner was a republican but never held office. He continued active as a farmer until about 1½ years before his death, when failing health kept him out of the fields. He was a liberal supporter of churches and other philosophic movements and was a member of the Woodmen Order.

The children of the late Charles H. Turner are given brief record as follows: Cora May is Mrs. John A. Craig, of Concord Township; Effie Pearl is Mrs. Raymond Litz, living 2½ miles north of Camp Point; William F. and Charles Otis are now partners in the management of the home farm; William F. married Frances Lee Booth and they have one child, Forest Lee. The other brother, Charles Otis, enlisted in the United States navy during the great war, was in the Great Lakes Training Station as a second class seaman, and was honorably discharged December 19, 1918. Olen, the youngest living child, is a boy of fifteen and still at home. Arland died in infancy.

LOUIS N. MELTON is chief of police in Quincy. Appointed to this office under Mayor Thompson, he brought to his duties many high personal qualifications and also the advantage of considerable experience of former years while he was connected with the police department. Mr. Melton is an ideal officer, and since entering upon his present duties has done much to raise the efficiency of his department of municipal government.

Mr. Melton was born in Gasconade County, Missouri, September 5, 1876, a son of James M. and Melissa Caroline (Holt) Melton. Both parents were natives of Missouri and his father was a farmer during his active life. The mother is still living in Missouri. Chief Melton was the oldest in a family of five sons and four daughters.

Being the oldest child, and on account of his father's early death, he remained at home and assisted in working the farm until the other children were able to relieve him of those duties. He had limited opportunity to attend school but made the best of his advantages. Leaving home, he traveled in the west and northwest and about 1905 came to Quincy, worked a short time on his uncle's farm near Columbus, and then entered the shipping room of a foundry at Quincy. Later for four years he assisted George Rupp in taking charge of the place, and from that went on the fire department for a year. He resigned his position with the local fire fighters to engage in the mercantile business two years, and in 1911 was appointed a member of the police force by Mayor Frank Garner. He served two years under that appointment and two years under William Abbott. Then again he engaged in the mercantile business, but after 1½ years sold out and accepted his present appointment as chief of police.

Mr. Melton married June 11, 1913, Miss Coletta Koch, who was born in Quincy, daughter of John and Mary (Snous) Koch. As to politics Mr. Melton is independent. He is a member of the Masonic Order and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

REV. ALBERT BRUESSERMAN, O. F. M., is one of the highly educated Catholic clergymen who look after the parishes, churches and institutions of Adams County, and is a popular priest of St. Anthony's Church in Melrose Township.

Father Bruesserman was born in Rhineland, Germany, January 4, 1872, son of Theodore and Augusta (Boehle) Bruesserman. His father was a blacksmith by trade, and both parents spent all their lives in Germany. Father Bruesserman was one of a family of three sons and two daughters, all of whom are still living. His brother Justus is a trained nurse located at the Alexian Brothers Hospital, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Up to the age of fifteen Father Bruesserman was a student for nine years in the parochial schools of his native country. He then came to America, arriving



at Quincy in 1887. Here he began his classical studies in the Quincy College and Seminary, graduating in 1892. He then entered the Franciscan College at Teutopolis, Illinois, where he remained one year, was for two years a student in Cleveland, Ohio, and pursued his philosophical studies at Quincy for another two years. He did his last theological work, four years, at St. Anthony's Monastery at St. Louis.

After being ordained he was assigned his first missionary work in Madison and Platte counties, Nebraska. He remained there ten years, and it was his record as a church builder and organizer in that western country that has since called him to many important tasks. In Madison County, Nebraska, he re-organized the parish, enlarged the church, and had most pleasant relations with the people. His parishioners there were chiefly Irish and Bohemians. Returning east, he took charge of Bishop Creek parish at Teutopolis, Illinois, but from there was sent to Memphis, Tennessee, as chaplain of St. Joseph's Hospital, duties which kept him engaged sixteen months. Then for six months he was assistant priest at St. Peter's Church on Clark Street in Chicago, and in 1914 went to Petosky, Michigan, where he served eight missions. He was there sixteen months, and during that time finished a church at a cost of \$15,000. His parishioners in this northern country were chiefly French, Russians, Belgians and Indians.

From Petosky Father Bruesserman returned to Quincy and has since been the beloved pastor of St. Anthony's Church at Antonius in Melrose Township, five miles southeast of Quincy. This is a thriving parish and many of the finest families in that township are members and worshipers. This membership comprises seventy-two families. In connection there is conducted a splendid parochial school. The St. Antonius School was the first organization in Adams County to make a record in Red Cross work. All the different societies of the parish are in a flourishing condition and Father Bruesserman's energy enables him to keep up all the church activities and at the same time enjoy pleasant social contact with the people of that community.

JOHN LOGAN McMURRAY represents some of the old families of Adams County, and has given the best efforts of his life for nearly thirty years to the management of good farms in Clayton Township, where he still resides. The usual spelling of the family name in this county has been McMurry, but Mr. McMurray follows the true and original spelling.

He was born on the farm which he still owns in Clayton Township February 3, 1869, son of John Hunter and Anna (Murphy) McMurray. John Hunter McMurray was also born on the farm where his son John L. now resides. His wife was born at Alton, Illinois. The pioneer of the family in this county was George McMurray, a native of Kentucky, who came from that state to Adams County in very early times. He was not only a farmer but also a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married in Adams County Elizabeth Waller, and soon afterwards settled on a farm in Clayton Township, owning some of the land which his grandson now operates. George McMurray died on the old farm. His children were: Thomas; Wilson; Aaron, who became a lawyer at Quincy; Joseph C.; Matthew; John Hunter; Ella, who married Henry Harrison Curry, a brother of R. S. Curry of Camp Point; and Margaret, who married Joseph Beckett, a brother of James Beckett of Golden.

John Hunter McMurray spent practically all of his life on the farm where he was born, and owned 160 acres there. He married in Adams County and both he and his wife are now deceased. He never took any special interest in politics as a means of office holding, but voted the republican ticket and with his wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had three children: George Emory, of Cherry Creek, Nevada; Nora E., deceased wife of James W. Kirkpatrick, of Sheridan, Wyoming, though her death occurred in California; and John Logan.

Many changes have taken place on the old farm since John Logan McMurray

was born there fifty years ago, and he has contributed not a few of these improvements and better facilities. His present farm comprises 257 acres, and the buildings are up to date and the equipment what might be expected of a first-class Adams County farm. He is a member of the Adams County Farm Bureau.

Mr. McMurray has been a trustee of his local school district for nine years and was also township trustee for fifteen years. He has served on the election board several times, served as registrar and also on Liberty loans and war relief drives, and is a republican voter. He is a member of one of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Clayton, while his wife is a Baptist. His grandfather was one of the organizers of the Methodist Church at Clayton.

In May, 1904, Mr. McMurray married Miss Inez Staats, of Griggsville, Illinois. They have no children. Mr. McMurray graduated from the Clayton High School in 1888. The farm that he owns was taken up originally from the government during the administration of Martin Van Buren, who signed the title to the land.

JOHN H. OGLE has spent his life quietly but profitably as a general farmer in Beverly Township. His valuable farm is five miles northeast of Beverly Village and seven miles northwest of Baylis.

On that farm he was born May 17, 1879, and is a son of the late Isaac J. Ogle, long one of the prominent residents of this county. Isaac J. Ogle was born at Belleville in St. Clair County, Illinois, August 20, 1840. In 1850 he was brought to Adams County by his widowed mother, and from the age of fourteen lived at the home of his brother James Ogle in Beverly Township. He left that home to join the Union Army on August 20, 1861, and was mustered in as a member of the Fiftieth Illinois Infantry in Company D. He saw four years of service, having veteranized at the close of his first enlistment. At the battle of Altoona Pass in Georgia he was shot through the hip, and incapacitated for service four months. Otherwise he was with his regiment in every battle and skirmish in which he was engaged, and his hearing was permanently impaired by cannonading. He was with Sherman in the Atlanta campaign and also on the march to the sea. After the war he returned home and soon bought a farm of 300 acres adjoining that of his brother James. James Ogle had died during the war as a result of grief over the loss of his two sons, Solomon and Abraham, both of whom sacrificed their lives for their country. These sons were in the same company and regiment as their uncle Isaac. Isaac's brother Abraham also lost his life in the war. Thus this family had more than ordinary distinction on account of patriotic services. Isaac Ogle's land was comparatively new and had only a cabin home. In 1890 he built the present substantial farm home. After the war he became one of the larger farmers of Adams County, and continued to be identified with agricultural interests until his death on April 27, 1910. He was a republican and was frequently entrusted with local offices. For many years he was a road commissioner. He was one of the original builders of the Mound Prairie Christian Church, and fraternally was affiliated with the Grand Army Post and the Modern Woodmen of America.

In 1865 Isaac J. Ogle married Louisa Carbaugh, who was born in 1847 and died in 1867, at the birth of her child Alice. This daughter, Alice, was reared by Isaac Ogle's second wife and is now the wife of Marshall Love at Clayton. In 1868 Isaac Ogle married Alice Carbaugh, sister of his first wife. She was born October 23, 1850, daughter of Jack Carbaugh. She was left an orphan in childhood and was reared by her grandparents. Mrs. Alice Ogle died April 26, 1899, at the age of forty-nine. She was the mother of nine children: Ida, unmarried and living at Beverly; Clara, wife of William Gieker, of Barry, Illinois; Lucy, Mrs. S. A. Moore, of Camp Point; Jacob, who served two terms as township supervisor, and died at the age of thirty-eight, his wife being Maud Drummond; Edward, who married Grace Taylor and lives at Oklahoma City; John H.; Minnie, Mrs. William Inslee, of Beverly Village; Laverda, Mrs. B. I.



Hancock, of Jacksonville, Florida; and Joseph, who married Lulu Cummings and lives on the old farm.

John H. Ogle has spent all his life on the old homestead. He acquired his education in the local district schools. He now owns 160 acres of the old place, and has erected a set of buildings just opposite the old home. He engages in general farming. Hog raising has been his most profitable feature. He is a republican but has never sought office. Mr. Ogle is a member of the old Mound Prairie Christian Church. He is affiliated with the Woodmen Order and member of the Pike County Mutual Life Association.

November 2, 1904, he married Miss Elsie Stockwell, who was born in Linn County, Missouri, daughter of Elisha and Lucy (Couch) Stockwell. When she was twelve years old her parents came to Adams County and are now living at Beverly. Mr. and Mrs. Ogle have four children: Alice, Erma, Howard and Herbert.

RICHARD SEATON, JR., for many years a banker and merchant of Camp Point, is the grandson of a Revolutionary soldier, son of an American who fought in the second war with Great Britain, himself bore arms for the cause of the Union, and he has grandsons who are with the colors today.

Mr. Seaton was born in Camp Point Township December 19, 1835, son of Richard and Eleanor (Mundell) Seaton. His father was born either in Virginia or Pennsylvania January 10, 1790, and his mother was born July 20, 1795, probably in Kentucky. The Revolutionary patriot, his grandfather, was Kenner Seaton. Richard Seaton, Sr., was taken to Jefferson County, Kentucky, in 1792, grew up there, married May 11, 1817, and on the 10th of October, 1835, arrived in Adams County and located in Camp Point Township. His son Richard was born two weeks later. He acquired 160 acres, and at one time owned 800 acres in the county. Richard, Sr., died April 21, 1874, and his wife August 1, 1865. He began voting as a whig and turned to the republican party, and he and his wife were both members of the Christian Church. Their children were: Margaret, Kenner, Rebecca, John S., James M., George, who died in infancy, and Richard, Jr., who is the only survivor.

Mr. Seaton grew up on his father's farm in Camp Point Township, attended the subscription and public schools of the county, and was a practical farmer until thirty-six years of age. Removing to Camp Point Village in March, 1875, he was associated with his brother-in-law, Thomas Bailey, in the banking business. Mr. Bailey finally sold out to Richard A. Wallace, and the latter subsequently acquired Mr. Seaton's interest. For a time Seaton & Wallace also did business in agricultural implements, but Mr. Seaton finally took over that department of the firm and continued it about three years. He also had a saw mill and operated extensively in the hardwood lumber industry, selling large quantities of lumber to the Burlington Railway. Mr. Seaton is a former sheriff of Adams County, having served from 1886 to 1890, and during that time lived in Quincy, and for one year conducted a hotel on Fourth Street between Hampshire and Vermont streets. He also had some experience in Kansas as a farmer, and soon after returning to Camp Point Village was appointed postmaster by President McKinley, and filled that office  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years. Since then he has lived retired from business.

Mr. Seaton is a progressive republican, and has served as road commissioner, assessor and collector. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church. He is affiliated with Lodge No. 297, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Royal Arch Chapter and Delta Commandery of the Knights Templar at Clayton, and with the Consistory at Quincy. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Camp Point, and was identified with the local Grand Army Post until it disbanded. Mr. Seaton's army record began with his enlistment May 3, 1864, in Company B of the One Hundred Thirty-Seventh Illinois Infantry, and he was in service until September 27, 1864.

October 15, 1857, he married Miss Nancy Ellen Curry, who was born in



Clayton Township October 1, 1839, daughter of Thomas and Malinda Curry, of a prominent family elsewhere referred to. Mr. and Mrs. Seaton had the following children: William M., born December 24, 1858, is a railroad man at St. Cloud, Minnesota, and is married and has one son, William. Florence I., born August 25, 1860, married Dr. A. D. Bates, and their son, Dr. Charles R. Bates, married Marian Alexander, and they have two children, Richard Alexander and Virginia Seaton. Kenner Seaton, born May 7, 1862, married Margaret Hunsaker, and their children were Hattie, who died when about two years of age, Richard W. and Irene, Richard being now with the army in France, a member of the engineer corps. Thomas C., born May 24, 1870, married Laura B. Curry, and they have twins, Harold and Helen, Harold being with the army at Fort Dodge. Hattie M., born July 3, 1876, died October 19, 1877. Edward E., born May 6, 1878, married Berdina Adams.

WILLIAM A. THOMPSON. When in the spring of 1918 William A. Thompson was elected supervisor of Fall Creek Township, that distinction and honor fell upon the youngest man that had ever been chosen to such an office in the township, and he is also the youngest member of the present Board of Supervisors in Adams County.

The honor was well merited, since Mr. Thompson has proved his ability in managing a good farm in Fall Creek Township, and is a member of one of the old and prominent families in that vicinity.

His father is William Elmer Thompson, who was born in this county August 5, 1848, and resides in section 11 of Fall Creek Township, thirteen miles southeast of Quincy. William Elmer is a grandson of William Thompson and a son of Marcus L. Thompson, more specific reference to whom is made on other pages. It should be noted here that the Thompsons came to Fall Creek Township as early as 1833, and some of the original land they took up is owned in the family. William Elmer Thompson was one of eight children. He married Kate Blauser, daughter of Jacob Blauser, of Pike County, Illinois. She was born in York County, Pennsylvania, and was twenty-five at the time of her marriage. Her father died in Pike County, having come west from York County, Pennsylvania.

After his marriage William E. Thompson settled on his present farm of 124 acres, and for upwards of half a century has been one of the well to do agriculturists of that section. He is a republican, but has never consented to serve in public office. He is an official member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Payson. William E. Thompson and wife had three children: M. Noel, who was a merchant at Fall Creek five years and died at the age of thirty; Edna, Mrs. Harl Wharton, of Payson; and William A.

William A. Thompson was born April 3, 1887, and has spent all his life on his father's farm. He attended the district schools, was graduated from the Quincy High School, spent two years in the Illinois State University and also attended Gem City Business College. This gave him a very thorough education and he has utilized it chiefly in his work as a farmer. Several years ago he took charge of the home farm, and he also operates 100 acres adjoining the Seymour Estate. He is a general farmer and his specialty in live stock is Poland China hogs, keeping from 100 to 150 annually. He has erected a distinct set of buildings on the home farm, his own home being built seven years ago, while his father's set was built ten years ago.

At the age of twenty-three William A. Thompson married Florence Wheelock, of Hull, Pike County, Illinois. They have two children: Clem and Ross. Mr. Thompson is a republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is also affiliated with the Masonic Lodge at Payson.

ARTHUR H. PURPUS is one of the proprietors of The Medicine Shop, and is well known in Quincy, his native city.

Mr. Purpus was born in Quincy July 7, 1882, a son of William H. and

Carrie (Meyer) Purpus. His father was born in Germany and his mother in Quincy. The father was brought to this country in infancy, his parents first locating at Zanesville, Ohio, and as a boy of eight years he accompanied his parents to Quincy. At the age of sixteen he went to work learning the shoe business with W. T. Duker and Nicholas Heintz. He continued in the shoe business for many years and died December 31, 1915. The mother passed away January 18, 1914. They had three children: Leona, deceased; a daughter that died in infancy; and Arthur H.

Arthur H. Purpus grew up in Quincy, attended high school three years, also a local business college, and had a practical apprenticeship as well as an opportunity to earn his own living by four years spent with the Wetzel Drug Company. After that he was a student for a year in the pharmacy department of the University of Illinois, and in 1905 graduated in pharmacy from Valparaiso University in Indiana. During nearly four years Mr. Purpus had active charge of the laboratory of the Aldo Sommer's Drug Company of Quincy. After that for a year he was associated with his father in the grocery business following which he spent three years as a traveling salesman representing the Philadelphia wholesale drug house of H. K. Milford Company. On November 1, 1916, Mr. Purpus formed a partnership with C. W. Walker and established the drug business known as The Medicine Shop at 532 Hampshire Street. This is one of the well appointed and equipped drug stores of the city, and the business has grown rapidly.

Mr. Purpus married April 18, 1906, Miss Catherine Morrison, of Maitland, Missouri. They have one child, Morrison, born July 18, 1909. Mr. Purpus is a republican, is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Lutheran Memorial Church.

GROVER E. ERTEL is proprietor of one of the high class farms in Columbus Township. He has shown much ability as a young man in all agricultural operations and is equally esteemed in the citizenship of that locality.

Mr. Ertel is a member of a family that has been identified with Adams County since pioneer days. His grandfather was Daniel Ertel, a native of Alsace, France, and of French parentage and ancestry. He was born about 1830, and when about twenty years of age came by sailing vessel to America, landing in New Orleans after a three months' voyage. He had a friend in the army, an officer, who secured his exemption from military duty and paid his passage all the way to Quincy. He arrived at Quincy without a cent but soon made the friendship of Governor John Woods, and subsequently pursued the trade of millwright which he had learned in France. Later he took up carpentry and built a number of houses in Quincy. In the winter of 1861 he removed to Columbus Township and bought 400 acres in section 6. There he built a good home, improved much of the land by his own labor, and was a prosperous citizen of that locality. In 1898 he retired to live at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Emma Hufner, in Quincy, and died about six months later. In Quincy he married Maria Lugenbiel, a native of Switzerland. She came when a young woman to this country with her parents, her father being a tailor. The Lugenbiels came by sailing vessel by way of New York and soon afterward settled in Quincy, where her father and mother spent their last years. Her father died when about eighty years of age and her mother when past ninety. The Lugenbiels and Ertels were all Protestants in religion. Mrs. Maria Ertel died at the old home farm when nearly seventy years of age. Her family consisted of four sons and three daughters, all living but one daughter. Those living are married and have children of their own.

George Ertel, father of Grover E., was born in Quincy June 3, 1851, and has spent all his life in that county. In 1877 he married at Coatsburg Frances Gibbs. She was born near Athens, Tennessee, and was reared and educated there to the age of sixteen. Both her parents having died, she came to Adams County to live with her uncle, the venerable C. C. Gibbs of Coatsburg, whose



name is one of the most familiar in that section of Adams County and whose career is sketched on other pages. George Ertel and wife had four children, Fred died in childhood, Charles, when a young boy, and one died unnamed.

Grover E. Ertel is the only living child of his parents and was born on the old farm in section 6 of Columbus Township November 2, 1884. He attended the Hazelwood district school and since early youth has been a practical farmer on the old homestead. He keeps 150 acres in constant use for the production of all the staple crops, and has the farm well stocked with good grades of livestock. There are two large barns on the farm, one 30x36 and the other 40x30 feet, the former a stock barn, the latter a general purpose barn. There is a quantity of good timber on the farm.

November 19, 1913, at the Village of Columbus, Mr. Ertel married Miss Lucy Wheeler. She was born in that locality May 26, 1891, daughter of William and Elda (Marshall) Wheeler, natives of Adams County and now living as retired farmers in Columbus Village, aged about sixty. The Wheelers are members of the Christian Church and Mr. Wheeler is a republican. Mr. Ertel and wife have one son, Elbridge F. Mr. and Mrs. Grover Ertel are members of the Christian Church and in politics he is a democrat.

ENOCH SELTERS is the present supervisor of Clayton Township and a man in whom naturally center many of the community activities of that locality. He is chairman of the Liberty Loan Board, of the local Red Cross, and was chairman of the committee which had the supervision of making the oil road from Clayton to Camp Point.

Mr. Selters owns one of the large and valuable farms of this township. He was born in Mason County, Illinois, March 16, 1864, son of Henry and Barbara (Schindelmeyer) Selters. His parents were both born in Germany and came to the United States before their marriage. They married in Mason County, Illinois, and were farmers there. The father died in 1905, at the age of eighty-one, and his wife in 1914, aged sixty-nine. Henry Selters was a republican, and he and his wife were reared in the German Evangelical Church, but later for a number of years were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They lived retired at Havana, Illinois. They were the parents of ten children, the oldest one dying in infancy. The others were: Mary; Enoch; Chris; Anna; Chester, who died in infancy; Henry; Joseph; Catherine; and John Benjamin, a Montana lawyer now serving as prosecuting attorney of his county.

Enoch Selters grew up in Mason County, attended the public schools there, and laid the basis of his success as a farmer in that locality. In 1902 he moved to Clayton Township and bought a fine farm of 425 acres, which he uses for the production of staple crops and for livestock.

Mr. Selters is a republican. He served eighteen years as assessors of his home township in Mason County, and was also a member of the School Board. He was elected supervisor in 1912, and has held that office continuously for six years. In Masonry he is affiliated with Clayton Lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter, and the Knight Templar Commandery, and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America.

October 28, 1888, Mr. Selters married Miss Mary Alice Luskins, of Menard County, Illinois. Six children were born to their marriage: Edna, who married George Smith, of Golden, and has one daughter, Esther; Lena Esther is the wife of Dr. E. O. Brown, who was the first man to enlist from Clayton Township, after the breaking out of the war with Germany, and is now with the armies in France, his wife and their two children, Maxine and Carlene, still remaining in Clayton Township; Raymond died at the age of seventeen years; George is also with the colors at Fort Sheridan; Hazel and Henry are the younger children still at home.



DRS. ERNEST AND WILLIAM ZIMMERMANN. In the history of the German element in Quincy as published on other pages the Zimmermann family is credited with settlement here in the year 1847. Thus for over seventy years Quincy has had the Zimmermanns as one of its best and most substantial families. Now and for the past twenty years the family name has been especially well represented in professional affairs by the attainments and services of Drs. Ernest and William Zimmermann, one of the best known firms of physicians and surgeons in Western Illinois.

Both are graduates of the St. Louis Medical College of Washington University with the class that graduated April 29, 1897. The brothers have been closely associated since early childhood, and their careers have run much along the same groove. Of the firm, however, Ernest is especially well known as a surgeon, while William is a general practitioner. Dr. Ernest has handled skillfully many major cases in surgery, and for a number of years has been on the staff of the local city hospitals.

The brothers formed a firm for practice in 1899. Both have taken post-graduate work in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City and the New York Polyclinic. Both are members in good standing in the various local medical societies and the American Medical Association.

The doctors were born at Quincy, were educated in the German schools and in St. Francis College, from which they graduated with the degree A. M. in 1894. Both are affiliated with the Order of Elks and are republicans in politics. They are unmarried.

JOSEPH JEFFERSON. It is taking no proper credit from other good farms in Concord Township to say that the Jefferson Stock Farm is the most conspicuous in that section of Adams County. It comprises a large body of land, with exceptional equipment, and the farm is especially noted as a breeding farm. The business is conducted under the firm name of Jefferson & Son. For twenty years they have made a specialty of breeding high grade Percheron horses. The farm has produced some splendid track horses, including the great Ben Earl, which made a record of 2:00½ in 1916 at the Columbus, Ohio, track. This horse was on the grand circuit and in 1915 won ten straight races in the western circuit of Illinois and Iowa. Jefferson & Son sold Ben Earl after this record, and the following year he was the greatest money winner as a pacer. Another noted animal bred and trained on the farm is Augusta J., still seen at fairs. She made a record of 2:03¼ and a heat record on a half mile track of .09¼. The present head of the breeding establishment is Russell Will Tell. Jefferson & Son also have a fine Percheron stallion and are producing some of the best stock of that kind in Western Illinois. For the past fifteen years they have been breeders of Shropshire sheep. However, the only stock exhibited at fairs from the Jefferson Stock Farm are the horses.

The farm is in Concord Township, four miles south of Clayton. Joseph Jefferson, the senior member of the firm, was born at Harlem in what is now New York City October 25, 1837, but has lived in Adams County since early childhood. His parents were Thomas and Hannah (Twilton) Jefferson, both of whom were natives of Yorkshire, England. Thomas Jefferson was born April 15, 1802, and his wife on February 12, 1812. They married in England and came to America in 1835. On moving west to Adams County Thomas Jefferson spent four years on the John Sharp farm east of Quincy, and then moved to Concord Township, where he bought forty acres of hill land. He soon sold that and moved to a place half a mile south of the present home of Joseph Jefferson. There he acquired 120 acres of prairie land and brought practically all of it under cultivation. He was a prosperous farmer and one of the good citizens of Concord Township, and died on the old homestead in 1886. His wife passed away in 1872. He was a member of the Baptist Church. This venerable pioneer couple had twelve children, nine of whom grew up, and those still living are: Joseph; James, a retired resident of Clayton; George,

of Red Oak, Iowa; Welburn, of Weser, Idaho; Mary, Mrs. Noah Marshall, of Concord Township; Taylor, who occupies the old home farm of his father. The deceased children were: Hiram, who died in Texas at the age of sixty; William, who died at Red Oak, Iowa, when also about sixty years of age; and Elizabeth, who died at the age of seventy-six, the wife of Pinckney Hopper.

Joseph Jefferson received his education in Adams County and lived at home until he was about twenty-seven years old. He is one of the honored surviving veterans of the Civil war. In 1862 he enlisted in Company I of the One Hundred Nineteenth Illinois Infantry and served three years, chiefly in Kentucky, Tennessee and Pennsylvania. He held the rank of corporal.

In March, 1867, not long after the war, Mr. Jefferson married Miss Emily Williams, who was born in Indiana February 20, 1837, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Bennett) Williams. Her father was born in Tennessee March 23, 1796, and her mother in Virginia March 20, 1799. Benjamin Williams died December 28, 1849, and his wife March 20, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson became acquainted while his wife was visiting her uncle, Otto Bennett, in Concord Township. She was a teacher in Indiana before her marriage.

Mr. Jefferson after his marriage bought part of the land now included in the Jefferson Stock Farm and has developed his place to 400 acres in extent, and has invested thousands of dollars in building and other equipment and improvement. While his place is most widely known as a breeding farm he has always held consistently to the main routine of farming, grain and forage crops and the raising of cattle and hogs for the market. For the past twenty-eight years he has had his son, Thomas Elmer, as his partner.

Mr. Jefferson has devoted his life solely to the business of farming and stock raising, and has never cared for public offices. He is a republican and an active member of the Clayton Methodist Church. He also belongs to the Masonic Lodge at Clayton, and was made a Mason in that Lodge in March, 1871. He is now the oldest living member of the Lodge. He also belongs to the Royal Arch Chapter. His chief recreation is hunting. He is a member of the Grand Army Post.

His son, Thomas Elmer, was born January 26, 1869, and has always lived on the home farm and for many years has been relieving his father of the heavier responsibilities of its management. At the age of twenty-eight he married Miss Luvenia Peaveyhouse, of Clayton. Thomas E. Jefferson and wife have two children, Joseph Benjamin and Augusta J. Joseph Benjamin was in an officers' training camp at Louisville, Kentucky, when the war closed. Augusta J. is the wife of Charles Johnson, an automobile dealer at Quincy.

**WILLIAM H. DAVIDSON.** The life of William H. Davidson was largely identified with the good farming district of Beverly Township. He had a successful career and was a man of irreproachable character and widely esteemed by his large circle of friends.

He was born January 1, 1849, and died March 22, 1917. His parents were William N. and Susannah (Hartman) Davidson, who came from Coshocton, Ohio, and were married in Adams County.

On October 30, 1873, William H. Davidson married Miss Margaret Stauffer, oldest child of George W. Stauffer and member of the prominent Stauffer family represented on other pages of this publication. Mrs. Davidson was born at Beverly March 17, 1851, and is now living at Baylis in Pike County. At the time of his marriage Mr. Davidson spent two years on the farm where George Stauffer now lives. He then bought his father's old place in Beverly Township, and gave his labors to that place for thirty-three years. He then bought a home at Baylis, lived there six years, but had returned to the farm two years before his death.

William H. Davidson was a member of no church, but for many years was



active in the Masonic Order, and he and his wife were both members of the Eastern Star. He was laid to rest in the Mound Prairie Cemetery under Masonic auspices. His favorite motto and one which indicates the character of his life was "On earth peace, good will toward men." He was sympathetic in distress, untiring in assisting others less fortunate than himself, and he was particularly happy in his domestic life. Many times he expressed the sentiment that his life with his wife and companion was something that was more valuable than all the gold in the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson had a family of five children: Walter, a physician and surgeon at Kingston; George W., who occupies the home farm; Jane, wife of Richard Buffington, living at Ravenswood, Missouri; Tabitha, Mrs. Michael Orebaugh, of Beverly Village; and Nancy, Mrs. Robert Barnes, of Chapel, Nebraska. Clara Mixer, whose mother died in her infancy, was also reared by Mr. and Mrs. Davidson until her marriage to James C. Dunham, of Beverly Township.

PETER E. PINKLEMAN. Quincy has no man of more vigorous interests and activities than Peter E. Pinklemane, well known as proprietor of several moving picture houses, interested in the automobile and tire industry, and formerly a merchant and business man in other lines. He has lived in Quincy forty-two years, and has long been recognized as one of the men who do things. He is a dynamo of energy, and everything he touches seems to prosper and flourish.

Mr. Pinklemane was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, fifty-two years ago, October 13, 1866. His father, Frank Pinklemane was a native of Germany, married in Philadelphia, and in 1876 removed to Quincy. Peter E. Pinklemane was reared and educated in Quincy and spent some of his early years on a farm. At the age of eighteen he began learning the trade of baker, but in a short time gave it up because he realized that that work means labor both night and day. Later he became associated with Mr. Barry under the firm name of Pinklemane, Barry & Company, and they built up and developed a large grocery, wine and liquor house. Some years later the business was incorporated as the Pinklemane-Barry Company, with Mr. Pinklemane as president. He held that office for several years, when he nominally retired. He was connected with another business later, but finding that not sufficient to absorb all his energies, he entered the moving picture industry. He bought four theaters in Quincy, and now owns the Gem, the Savoy, the Princess and the Family, all popular and well patronized houses, furnishing a large share of the daily entertainment and amusement for Quincy people. Mr. Pinklemane is also associated with Mr. Clark under the firm name of Pinklemane, Clark & Company, in the automobile, tire and general repair business. Mr. Pinklemane is also a director and a leader in the Building & Loan Company on Maine Street between Fifth and Sixth streets, and has a number of other interests that substantiate all claims that might be made of his business prominence and public spirit.

In Quincy he married Miss Philomena Miller. Her father, Herman Miller, was born in Germany and is now living with his daughter, Mrs. Pinklemane, at the age of seventy-five. Mrs. Miller died in 1917, at the age of seventy. Mr. and Mrs. Pinklemane have one son and one daughter. Louise was educated in the public schools, is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy, and is now the wife of Oscar Hefner, of Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Hefner have twin sons, Roger W. and Donald. The son, Herman F. Pinklemane, was educated in the parochial and public schools, St. Francis College and the Gem City Business College, and for some years was in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, and finally entered the United States navy, but after a year was discharged on account of throat trouble.

EARL WILSON RUSK. It is simply as "Farmer" Rusk, not as Earl Wilson Rusk, that the county agent of the United States Department of Agriculture



and the farm adviser of Adams County is most widely known and appreciated here. Mr. Rusk is a practical and a professional farmer, and he meets and confers with the various committees of the County Farm Bureau and the individual farmers on a plane of similarity and equality of experience in everything connected with farming, fruit growing and live stock husbandry. He was born in Champaign, Illinois, December 17, 1885. His father, William H. Rusk, was a student in the University of Illinois in 1885 and a graduate of the Valparaiso Normal School of Indiana, was an Indiana farmer, later a teacher in Champaign County, Illinois, and is now living at Columbia, Missouri, engaged in extension work for the College of Agriculture of the State of Missouri and also operating his live stock farm near Columbia.

Earl Wilson Rusk spent the greater part of his boyhood on a farm. He was a student in the University of Missouri from 1904 until 1909, graduating with the degree Bachelor of Science in agriculture. He also spent one semester in the University of Illinois. He was an animal husbandry instructor in the short course of the University of Missouri in 1909-1910. In March, 1910, he was employed as farm manager of a 510 acre place near Kansas City, Missouri. He remained there until the fall of 1911, and during that time gave special attention to the breeding of Duroc Jersey hogs. He then accepted a larger proposition as manager of the 1,500 acre farm of the Burr estate at Bement, Illinois. Here the work was chiefly grain farming, the farm ordinarily producing 20,000 bushels of corn annually. Mr. Rusk remained there until the spring of 1913, when he entered upon his profession as farm adviser. His first experience was in Audrain County, Missouri, with headquarters at Mexico. He was the first farm adviser to take up work in that section of Missouri.

From there Mr. Rusk came to Adams County in the spring of 1915, and is the first and so far the only farm adviser in the county. A Farm Bureau of 350 farmers had been perfected before Mr. Rusk was engaged, and each member pledged to contribute \$10 for a period of three years to finance the organization and pay for the services of an expert adviser. There are now 450 members in the Adams County Association or Farm Bureau, and every township has its committee and every branch of farming, horticulture, live stock husbandry, dairying, etc., has its committeemen to represent the respective projects or interests. The various township chairmen constitute the Agricultural Council, and there is an executive committee of nine men entrusted with the practical business details of running the Bureau.

The Farm Bureau publishes a circular letter sent out at intervals to the members each month in which subjects of timely interest are discussed and numerous articles also appear in the local press. Demonstration meetings are held to suit local convenience, and the Farmers Institutes are a co-ordinate part of the general program. "Farmer" Rusk has held many demonstrations of all kinds. Much has been done to introduce and advertise the value of alfalfa, soy beans and other field crops which the farmers of a preceding generation know nothing of. Several practical demonstrations were held in 1916 to promote the cultivation of alfalfa in the county. In 1910 there were but seventy-five acres of this great forage crop in all the county. Now a great many of the leading farmers set aside some portion of their acreage for alfalfa. Many demonstrations have also been held for the benefit of the horticultural element, including pruning and spraying tests, with special emphasis upon the elimination of the San Jose scale. At Clayton there is a Soil Experiment Field, operated by the State Experiment Station. In 1918 three interesting demonstration meetings were held there to prove the value of different methods for soil improvement. Some four or five years ago the average farmer in Adams County would have indicated no special interest in the terms limestone and rock phosphate, but these are now household words, and there is an increasing use of these materials for soil improvement. Another source of benefit that has followed in the train of the new agricultural movement, and considerable credit for which is due Mr. Rusk, is the use of tankage for feeding hogs. The co-operative handling of this





*Herman H. Stormer*



feed has greatly increased its use and incidentally has meant a considerable saving to the Bureau members.

The Dairy Committee of the Bureau is now organizing a Cow Testing Association, the object of which will be to determine what cows in the various herds are not profitable producers. Likewise the Live Stock Committee is laying plans for a Pure Bred Live Stock Breeders' Association, which will be organized soon for the purpose of boosting better live stock in Adams County.

All this and much more than could be told in this brief article comprises a new chapter in Adams County agricultural history, with incidental great credit to "Farmer" Rusk.

The Adams County Farm Bureau is a member of the State Agricultural Association. The Farm Bureau is not a political institution, and Mr. Rusk, therefore, is not in politics in any sense. In October, 1909, at Windsor, Missouri, he married Miss Selma O. DeWees. Their three children are Rowena, William DeWees and Frederick Earl.

**HERMAN H. STORMER.** A worthy representative, not only of the energetic and prosperous business men of Quincy, but of the self-made men of Adams County. Herman H. Stormer is numbered among the leading undertakers of this section of the state, an honored position which he has achieved through his own unaided efforts. A son of Frederick W. and Anna Margaret (Lueninghouser) Stormer, he was born on a farm in Adams County, Illinois, May 16, 1870.

Coming from Germany, his native land, to Illinois in 1857, Frederick W. Stormer was variously employed for awhile, a part of the time working as a farm hand. When ready to settle permanently he purchased a tract of land in Ellington Township, and was there engaged in general farming until his death, in March, 1903. He married Anna M. Lueninghouser, who was born in Germany, and died in Adams County, September 14, 1909. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Henry, deceased; William, of Quincy; Theodore, of Quincy; Anna died in infancy; Louis, of Quincy; Edward, deceased; August F., of Quincy, and Herman H., of this sketch.

Educated in the public and parochial schools, Herman H. Stormer received a practical training in agriculture on the home farm. After attaining his majority he found employment in Quincy, being for awhile associated with different industries. Preparing himself for his present business, Mr. Stormer gained his first knowledge of the embalming process at the Chicago Embalming School, and later was graduated from the Champion Embalming School of Quincy, and from the Cincinnati School of Embalming. For a number of years thereafter, Mr. Stormer was in the employ of the Dougherty Undertaking Company of Quincy, entering the establishment June 1, 1897. He was later with the Wells-Fargo Express Company for a short time, and after that was with F. Decker & Son, furniture dealers, for four years. In 1906, in company with his brother, August F. Stormer, he embarked in the undertaking business at No. 918 State Street, Quincy. Three years later, Mr. Stormer bought his brother's interests in the firm, and since 1909 has conducted it alone, and has met with eminent success. In 1916 he purchased the property at No. 422 South Eighth Street, and having entirely remodeled it, it is now one of the best and most up-to-date undertaking establishments in this section of the country. He has a large two-story building, furnished with all modern improvements and conveniences, and has his residence in the upper apartment.

Mr. Stormer married, January 2, 1900, Ida M. Marqua, a native of Quincy, and they have one child, Aaron M., born February 24, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Stormer are members of the Salem Evangelical Church, and liberal contributors towards its support. Fraternally Mr. Stormer is prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to Lodge, Chapter, Council, Temple and Consistory, and likewise to the Eastern Star. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of the Daughters of Rebekah; of the Improved Order of Red Men; and of the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is a republican.

GEORGE LOUIS LOOS. Reference is made elsewhere to several members of the Loos family. They are a people who have been identified with Adams County since early days, and the name is one that carries weight and influence in agricultural circles in several of the townships. Mr. George Louis Loos is a native of Adams County, and has one of the fine farms of Melrose Township, located ten miles southeast of the courthouse, on the township line between Melrose and Fall Creek.

He was born on an adjoining farm December 30, 1858, and is a son of John Michael and Mary Margaret (Walthous) Loos. Further particulars regarding the career of John Michael Loos will be found on other pages. The old homestead is now owned by William Loos, of Quincy.

On that farm George L. Loos grew to manhood and was fourteen years old when his father died. He worked on the farm by the month and got his start in that way.

October 29, 1885, at the age of twenty-eight, Mr. Loos married Miss Caroline Wilhelmina Niekamp, daughter of Frederick and Louisa Niekamp. Of the Niekamp family a sketch appears elsewhere. Mrs. Loos grew up in the same neighborhood as her husband and was seventeen years of age when she married.

Soon afterwards Mr. Loos bought eighty acres of his present farm. This was the old H. Watson place. Mr. Watson built the old house which is still standing there. Mr. Loos paid \$75 an acre for this fine body of land, and went \$4,200 in debt. He had received a share of his father's estate, but assumed a heavy burden in buying the farm. It took him twenty years to get clear of debt, but at the same time he made a number of improvements, building his present home in 1904 and a large barn three years later. His farm is divided into suitable fields, separated by substantial fences. Mr. Loos could doubtless tell an interesting story about the trials and struggles he went through in getting his property. He sold wheat at 48 cents a bushel, corn at 23 cents, dressed hogs at 3½ cents a pound, and with these low prices for his products he paid interest rates at an average of 7 per cent on the principal of his debt. He started in with the intention of paying off \$1,000 of the principal a year. Occasionally he failed to do so, and because of the delinquency 2 per cent additional was added to the interest rate. For a number of years he has managed his property on the general farming plan, growing wheat, corn and potatoes, and has prospered in every sense of the term. Mr. Loos would be classed a democrat, but he does not participate in political affairs beyond the extent of voting. He is a member of the Salem Evangelical Church at Quincy.

He and his wife have three children: Louise Mary, at home; Michael Frederick, who now operates the farm for his father; and August, who was in the artillery branch of the United States Army, located at Camp Kearney, California, and is now discharged and employed near by.

FREDERICK NIEKAMP was one of the constructive factors in the improvement of land in Melrose Township for many years, and developed the fine farm which is now owned by his son, August F. Niekamp, nine miles southeast of Quincy on Mill Creek.

Frederick Niekamp was born in Germany and came to the United States when a young man with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Niekamp. They landed at New Orleans, and came up the Mississippi River to Adams County. Gottlieb Niekamp died soon after arriving. Frederick Niekamp had a half brother, Henry, who died in Fall Creek Township about fifteen years ago, leaving his widow, Christine Osmever, who is still living there. Frederick Niekamp after coming to Adams County worked two years at wages, part of the time at \$8 a month. He also farmed a year in company with his brother Henry in Melrose Township. After that he rented for two years and then bought fifty acres of the present farm. It was practically a new place, with only an acre or two cleared, and with a log house that has since been incorporated in



the present residence. He afterwards bought forty acres, then a second forty, paying about \$1,400 for each. He cleared up most of this land out of the timber, and still later bought 126 acres in Fall Creek Township  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles away, but rented that land. He was a general farmer, raising what, corn and hogs, and in the early days he sold corn as low as 15 cents a bushel. He was no office seeker, merely a democratic voter, and was a member of the Salem Evangelical Church at Quincy.

At the age of twenty-nine Frederick Niekamp married Louisa Ippenson. She was born in Hanover, Germany, and came to America as a servant girl with a family of emigrants. She worked out until her marriage. Frederick Niekamp died February 28, 1915, and his wife February 12, 1895, practically twenty years apart.

They had five children, one of them dying in infancy. Four are still living: Lena, wife of George Louis Loos, of Melrose Township; Anna and Christine, both at the old homestead; and August Frederick.

August Frederick Niekamp was born in this county November 25, 1864, and has always lived at the old home. For the past twenty-five years he has managed the farm, and now owns it, his sisters acting as his housekeepers. They are all active in the Salem Church, and he is a democrat.

JAMES MADISON GOLLIHER, now living retired at Barry, was one of the young men of Adams County who went away to serve the Union cause in the Civil war. That service is noteworthy in itself, but it also had consequences that have affected the entire subsequent career of Mr. Golliher, since it imposed infirmities that have always been more or less of a handicap, and the success he has gained as a farmer stands out the more conspicuous on account of the obstacles overcome.

Mr. Golliher was born near Athens, Tennessee, May 30, 1844. The family name was originally spelled Galliher. His parents, Mathew and Almira (Sparks) Golliher, were both natives of Tennessee. When James M. was only three years old, in 1847, and yet old enough to have some recollection of the circumstances, the family came to Adams County, making the journey overland from Tennessee. Their first location was at Kingston, then a crossroads village. For a time his father rented the Morris Kelley farm in Liberty Township, but soon bought eighty acres of wild land in the same township, and went industriously to work clearing it up and making a farm. It was on that place that his years were spent, and he died there in 1865, at the age of forty-five. His widow survived him nearly forty years. She was well preserved almost to the last and for many years lived in Quincy, but spent her last years with her son James M. She died April 22, 1902. Both parents are now at rest at Pleasantview, three miles east of Liberty and not far from their old home. Mathew Golliher was a well known character in the early days of Adams County. He had much ability as a singer, and used that art frequently for entertaining a crowd. He was deeply interested in current political discussions, could talk ably and forcibly on the leading questions, and was one of the dependable campaign workers in some of the early elections in which the republican party was represented. He was never affiliated with any church. He was also known as an expert rifle shot, shooting offhand and without rest and seldom competing in any local match without getting some of the prizes. He and his wife had eight children who grew up: Joann, who married William Craig and spent her life in Liberty Township; John H., now of Wood River, Illinois; James M.; Steven Reed, who lives in the southwestern country; Catherine, who married James Reed and lives in Liberty Township; Philip, "better known as Doc," who died at Quincy in middle life; Clay, who was killed in a runaway accident at Quincy September 14, 1899; and Abraham, who died in young manhood.

James Madison Golliher is now the only member of the family left in this section of the state. He had such educational advantages as were afforded by the local schools near his old home, and early bore a part in the work of the



home farm. It was in February, 1865, at the last call for troops, that he volunteered his services and was recruited in Company C of the Fourteenth Illinois, known as "Old Bloody Fourteenth." As a recruit he joined the regiment at Morehead City in North Carolina and was with Sherman's army on the march to Goldsboro and to Newbern, and participated in the last important battle of the war at Bentonville. After that he marched up the streets of Washington in the Grand Review and soon afterwards returned to the Middle West and was paid off at Louisville, Kentucky. However, he was not discharged and was sent to Fort Leavenworth and from there was with a body of troops that marched across the plains six hundred miles toward Fort Kearney. They were engaged in that western campaign throughout the summer and had come within sight of Fort Kearney when orders reached the troops to return. Mr. Golliher received his final discharge at Springfield, Illinois. Exposure and hardship of army life brought on rheumatism, from which he has always been a more or less acute sufferer.

When he got back home he found that his father had died and he immediately took upon himself the responsibilities of looking after the farm and for seven years gave his labors and time to the family and to the support of the younger children. He also worked out as a farm hand by the month for several years both in Adams and in Pike counties.

October 17, 1869, Mr. Golliher married Miss Susan Crook. She was born near Columbus in Adams County February 29, 1848, daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth (Edwards) Crook, who died at the respective ages of seventy-nine and seventy-five. Mrs. Golliher herself early became acquainted with toil as a means of self support and from a girl of eleven worked out, spending four years in the family of George W. Pierce in Liberty Township. At the time of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Golliher went in debt for a farm of eighty acres in McKee Township. A year later they bought eighty acres adjoining the old home farm, where Mr. Golliher had spent his youth. They were there ten years, cleared up the land, and added another twenty acres. He also built a new house, and converted the land into a good farm. On selling that he bought the Andy Hendricks farm of two hundred six acres in Richfield Township. The price was sixty-five hundred dollars and he assumed a debt of more than half of that. During the ten years he lived there he rebuilt the house and made other improvements, but altogether that was the least fortunate period of his life. He met with a number of losses and in one winter ninety-six head of his hogs died, only one surviving. That was about the worst setback he ever had as a farmer. At the end of ten years he sold the farm and in 1905 bought the Lewton farm of sixty acres. Since then he has bought another forty acres. This place is two and a quarter miles from the old Hendricks farm and six miles from Barry. Here again he undertook the work of improvement, constructing new buildings and remodeling the old ones, and practically doubled the value of the farm while there. He followed a course of mixed farming and fed many cattle and hogs, buying stock animals and fattening for the market. In 1916 Mr. Golliher left the farm in charge of a tenant and moved to Barry. He is an intelligent landlord, looks after the repairs of the farm and does all that is required to maintain its fertility. Practically ever since he left the army he has had to use his judgment and intelligence in running his farm and depending upon other labor for much of the work. Mr. Golliher served twelve years as a road commissioner, both in Liberty and Richfield townships, was a constable in McKee Township, and has always been a staunch republican in politics, though his party affiliations have not prevented him from occasionally supporting what he considered a better man. He and his family are members of the Mount Zion Baptist Church not far from the old home in Richfield Township, and he is a charter member of the Samuel Heaton Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Golliher had eight children. A brief record of them individually is as follows: Mathew, who lives two miles north of Barry; Calvin, near





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the old home in Richfield Township; Minnie, wife of John Schwank, superintendent of the Adams County Farm; Iva, wife of George W. Hendricks, a banker a Beverly; Charles, who lives near the old farm in Richfield Township; Alfred, in the draying business at Barry; Edwin, near Paloma in Adams County; and Otis, whose home is near Barry.

GEN. MOSES MILTON BANE. Of the citizens who made a strong impress upon the life of Adams County in the decade prior to and the decade of the Civil war, Gen. Moses Milton Bane was among the most noteworthy, and deserves a prominent record in the community where now only the older residents remember kindly his ability and his service.

General Bane was born in Athens, Ohio, on November 30, 1827. Ten years later his parents removed to a farm in Miami County in the same state. A thoughtful boy, ambitious for learning, at an early age he became a school teacher. During the time of his teaching he studied medicine under the instruction of Dr. G. Volney Dorsey of Miami County, until he entered Starling Medical College from which he was graduated in 1848.

He was married to Miss Marina Phoebe Howard, the gifted daughter of Dr. Richard L. Howard, professor of surgery in Starling Medical College, in 1849.

The newly married couple came immediately to Payson, Adams County, Illinois, where Doctor Bane began the active practice of his profession. He was one of the capable physicians in southern Adams County for more than ten years.

A close observer of public and national affairs he soon became interested in politics. A clear thinker, ready in debate, having a pleasant delivery and an attractive personality able to command attention, the doctor was a popular and successful platform speaker in several political campaigns. As a Douglas democrat he was twice elected a member of the State Legislature.

Broad minded, of generous impulses, a strong supporter of the Union, in connection with others he raised the Fiftieth Regiment of Illinois Infantry in August, 1861, at Quincy, and was mustered into the United States service as colonel of the regiment on September 2, 1861, receiving his commission from Governor Richard Yates. This regiment, known as the "Blind Half Hundred," was actively engaged in the battles of Fort Donelson, February 12-16, 1862; Shiloh, April 6-7; Siege of Corinth in May, and the Battle of Corinth, October 3 and 4, 1862; in the skirmish at Bear Creek, Alabama, April 16, 1863; and at Town Creek, April 28th. Colonel Bane, who proved an efficient and brave officer, was severely wounded in the Battle of Shiloh and lost his right arm at that time.

When sufficiently recovered he joined his regiment in August, 1862. On October 11, 1862, he was assigned to the command of the Third Brigade of the Sixteenth Army Corps, which he led during the remainder of his service.

The Fiftieth Illinois Regiment veteranized in January, 1864, returning in the meantime to Quincy, where General Bane rejoined them and assumed active command until they returned to Lynnville, Tennessee. He then again took command of his brigade, which during the summer of 1864 participated in the Atlanta campaign.

The general's health was so impaired from his maimed condition and the continuing effects of his wounds that he was compelled to offer his resignation which was accepted June 11, 1864. His army record was altogether admirable, and at the time of his resignation he received the distinction of special commendation from Maj.-Gen. Granville M. Dodge, commander of the left wing of the Sixteenth Army Corps.

Any account of General Bane's military career would be incomplete with no mention of the service of his devoted wife, who accompanied him in the army whenever regulations would permit, assisting him by her comprehension, her judgment, her fortitude.

After the Battle of Shiloh, this heroic woman, attended by an aid, rode on horseback in the night, through the carnage of the field, searching for the fallen body of her husband of whom she found no trace until three o'clock in the morn-

ing. Her assiduous care was one of the main factors in preserving his life. The needs of her husband, great as they were, could not wholly absorb her generous sympathy and attention. Soldiers of whatever rank found in this wise, warm-hearted woman, a friend ever ready to cheer, to counsel, to console in the shifting events of camp, or march, or hospital.

In 1865 General Bane attended the Law School of Harvard University. In 1866 he was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue in Quincy, Illinois. In the practice of law in that city he was associated with a former Payson friend, Capt. Thomas W. Macfall, of the Third Illinois Cavalry, and who afterwards, for many years, was superintendent of the public schools of Quincy.

General and Mrs. Bane were a welcome addition to Quincy society and at once interested themselves in church and community work.

The strain of army experience had so over-taxed the endurance of Mrs. Bane that her health slowly declined until in April, 1870, she left the many, loving friends whose lives were better for having known her presence.

The second wife of General Bane was Miss Harriet K. Parrish of Quincy, to whom he was married June 25, 1872. This lady, beautiful, brilliant and accomplished, became the mother of two interesting boys. The family circle was broken all too soon by the untimely death of the fair young wife and mother in 1891.

In 1876 General Bane was appointed commissioner of lands in Utah, with headquarters at Salt Lake City. During the Harrison administration he was assigned a Government position in Washington, D. C., where he continued to reside until the drama of his helpful, brave and busy life was ended.

The mortal remains of this valiant soldier, whose strong right arm is buried on the battle ground of Shiloh, was laid in the National Cemetery at Arlington. "God give his manly spirit rest."

The immediate relatives to cherish and revere his memory were his two sons, Edgar Milton and Howard, an adopted son, Dr. Harry Hutton Bane, and his estimable widow, Mrs. Lucy Bane, whose present home is in Falls Church, Virginia.

**EDWARD J. BARTH.** While Mr. Barth is now quietly devoting his time to a small farm a mile east of Quincy on Thirty-sixth Street in Melrose Township, his early interests were with the meat and butcher business, and it is that business which has been longest associated with the Barth family in Adams County. Three generations of the name were butchers, and one of the first retail meat shops in Quincy was established by his grandfather.

His grandfather was Henry Barth, who came from Germany and was in Quincy as early as 1835. He died in 1876, at the age of seventy-six, and all his active life was spent in the butcher business. He was also a great reader and a student.

John Barth, father of Edward J., learned the business from his father, and was active in it until his death. He married Augusta Otto, a native of Quincy, and daughter of Tons Otto, who was a German wagonmaker on Eleventh Street between Broadway and Spring. During the Civil war Tons Otto made wagons for the Government. Augusta Barth is still living at the old home, 1114 Main Street, which has been the Barth residence since 1861, when the house was built, and she also lived in the house which previously stood there. Edward J. Barth, who was born in Quincy October 8, 1861, is the oldest of three children. His sister Matilda is unmarried and still lives at the old home. His sister Bertha married Will Ruff, and died several years ago.

Edward J. Barth learned the butcher trade from his father and later sold his interests in the home establishment. About 1889 he established a shop at Twelfth and State streets, and was in business there until 1908. He had his own slaughter house and he knew every phase of the industry. For the past eleven years he has lived on the farm.

In 1888 Mr. Barth married Miss Anna Hoffmeister, daughter of Henry and Dena Hoffmeister. Mrs. Barth was born in Quincy. Her father was a carpenter by trade but the greater part of his life was spent on his farm. Mr. Barth is



still interested in the family estate, much of which is income and rental property. He does general farming and is a specialist in poultry, having some of the finest specimens of the Barred, Partridge and White Rocks in this part of Illinois. His birds have carried off honors at many poultry exhibits. Mr. Barth is a republican, and has served as election judge in Melrose Township. He and his wife are Lutheran Evangelics.

They have a family of three children: Oren E. graduated from the Chicago Veterinary College in 1910, and since 1913 has been in the Government service and is now inspector of the veterinary department, with headquarters in the laboratory at St. Louis. Irma Emma is the wife of Roy Holford, of Quincy. Bertha married George Knoblock, a well known Adams County citizen.

Henry Hoffmeister, father of Mrs. Edward J. Barth, mentioned above, was for many years a prosperous and successful farmer of Adams County. His death occurred July 5, 1906.

HENRY BOCKHOLD. Of the families that have been longest and most industriously identified with the agricultural welfare and enterprise of Melrose Township that represented by Henry Bockhold is especially noteworthy. Mr. Bockhold is one of the leading farmers of Melrose Township, his well improved farm and home being seven miles southeast of Quincy.

He was born near Antony's Church in this county December 22, 1860, son of Bernard and Catherine (Dieker) Bockhold. His father, a native of Germany, came to the United States at the age of twenty-two. In Germany he had become an expert in the manufacture of the wooden shoes which were the regular article of footwear in the low countries of Germany. After coming to Adams County he manufactured many pairs of these shoes for his neighbors. His chief employment, however, was cutting wood in the distilleries at Quincy.

He married here at the age of twenty-eight. Catherine Dieker had come to Adams County with her brother, Herman H. Dieker, who afterward went to Missouri and died in that state in May, 1918. Before her marriage Catherine Dieker worked out. At the time of their marriage they bought a team and began farming where their son Henry was born. Bernard Bockhold ran a farm in partnership with his brother-in-law, Herman Dieker. About six years later he bought forty acres of timber land, going in debt for the entire purchase. There he built a small house, cleared up the land, and sold the wood in Quincy. White oak cordwood he sold for \$8 and hickory at \$10 a cord, after hauling it six miles to town. He made the trip every other day, hauling two loads, and his sale of wood was an important factor in paying the family expenses during those years. About 1875 Bernard Bockhold bought the present homestead owned by his son Henry. This comprised nine-one acres and is two and a half miles distant from the former residence of Bernard Bockhold. He went in debt about \$5,000 when he bought it. It was the old Odo Bishop farm, at that time belonging to David Bishop. In 1884 Bernard Bockhold returned to his former homestead. His wife had died about ten years after their marriage, leaving four children. For his second wife he married Christina Vogeding. She died at the old homestead, and her husband then spent his last years among his children, passing away in 1895, at the age of seventy-five. He was a democrat and an active member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. By his first wife he had the following children: Henry; Herman, who left Adams County when a young man and died in Marion County, Missouri, at the age of fifty-two; Bernard, a farmer in British Columbia; Frank, who died in boyhood. By his second wife he had five children: Joseph E., of Melrose Township; Anton, who lives in the State of Washington; John, connected with the Gardner Governor Works at Quincy; George, who lives in the West; and Mary, Mrs. Oliver Means, of Quincy.

On these various farms mentioned Henry Bockhold spent his youth, attended the local schools, and was well prepared by experience and training for the work of farming, which he has followed for over thirty-five years.

November 18, 1884, he married Rosina M. Blaesing. Mrs. Bockhold was born



in Quincy, daughter of Bernhard Blaesing, who was born in Germany February 14, 1828, and came to this country with his parents in 1845. In 1854 Bernhard Blaesing married Mary G. Kroner, who was born in Germany in 1837. Bernhard Blaesing had an intensive farm and garden and fruit orchard just outside Quincy. He died there at the age of sixty-three in 1891 and his widow three years later. Mrs. Bockhold was born November 27, 1857.

At the time of his marriage Henry Bockhold took the farm of his father, renting it until 1896. He then bought the ninety-one acre homestead for \$7,000, and has since made many improvements, including the erection of a barn in 1897 and the substantial home in which he and his family reside in 1907. Since then he has added still more lands, seventy-two acres, and has it all well improved and under a high degree of cultivation. One source of revenue to the Bockhold family has been butter making.

The beginning of this home industry was with one cow, but for a number of years he has kept from eight to ten good milk producers, converting the cream into butter at his home. The quality of the butter is well known and appreciated by some of the best families of Quincy who are among his patrons, and to whom he delivers once a week. Mr. Bockhold went in debt for his land, but his progressiveness and energy enabled him to pay for it in a few years, and he has increased its value a great deal by his investments and improvements. He is a democrat in politics but has always refused any tenders of office. His wife and children are members of St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

A brief record of his children is as follows: Rosina, Mrs. Oscar Scheeke, of Melrose township; William H., who farms in Melrose Township and married Cresa Benz; Frank S. and Frances, twins, the former marrying Laura Hoover and the latter the wife of George Benz; Clara, Mrs. Anselm Blickhan of Ellington Township; Rome B., who was with the United States Army in the automobile department at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky, and died there January 7, 1919; and Alfred, at home.

MRS. GEORGE CARSON, a well known resident of Quincy, with home at 1640 Hampshire street, came to Quincy some years ago from Monroe, Missouri, where she and her husband lived for many years.

Her husband, the late George Carson, was a man of prominence in the tobacco industry in Missouri for a number of years. He was born at St. Louis July 10, 1840, and died at Monroe, Missouri, October 24, 1906. At one time he was superintendent of a large tobacco warehouse at St. Louis. In the paternal line he was descended from a fine old Presbyterian Irish family, with connections at one time with the Irish nobility. Through his mother he represented people who came from Alsace, probably of French stock. His father William Carson was the oldest of a large family and was born in Maryland. He grew up with an uncle who brought him to Missouri, and he lived in Fayette, Missouri, until his marriage to a lady of Virginia stock. William Carson after his marriage located in St. Louis, and at one time was manager of a large tobacco warehouse there. He also owned several Mississippi steamboats. One of them was Alonzo Childs, captured at New Orleans during the Civil war, and brought him heavy financial loss. He spent his last years in St. Louis.

The late George Carson, the only child of his parents, was reared amid wealthy and aristocratic surroundings, and was a born aristocrat. He was a very handsome man, possessed a very happy disposition, and made and kept a host of friends. After the Civil war he entered business at Monroe, Missouri, and became a well known figure in the commercial life of that city and state.

October 10, 1867, at Palmyra, Missouri, he married Miss Martha B. Sutur. Mrs. Carson was born at Palmyra in 1845, and was well educated, attending the Baptist College at Palmyra. Her parents were Verdner and Matilda (Basket) Sutur, both natives of Kentucky, where they married. Her father and mother moved to Sangamon County, Illinois, and prior to the Civil war settled at Palmyra, Missouri. Her father was a farmer and stock man in Marion County

and subsequently at Palmyra organized the Marion County Savings Bank. In 1879 he was elected president of this institution and continued its directing head until his death. He was born June 2, 1806, and died January 21, 1894. Mrs. Carson's mother was born February 27, 1814, and died August 28, 1905. Her parents were both active members of the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Carson is the mother of three children: Ada is the widow of Henry Eckle, and her son Carson Eckle is now in the army military establishment at Kansas City; Mary Carson lives at home with her mother and gives her most devoted attention to her; the only son, W. Verdner, is unmarried and is a commercial salesman with headquarters in New York City.

FRED KIEM represents the third generation of an industrious and progressive family that has been identified with Adams County from pioneer days. The earlier generations were chiefly farmers, stalwart men who helped to clear up and develop the wilderness. Fred Kiem for a number of years has been in the grocery business, and was formerly associated with his brothers under the firm name of Kiem Brothers. He is now sole proprietor of the well known establishment at 439 South Eighteenth Street, which was originally established in 1903 as Kiem Brothers. The store is in fact even older, having been established in the early '90s by W. H. Herlymann. Fred Kiem has done much on his individual account to extend his trade and popularize his methods and service with his patrons. He carried a big stock, is a very able buyer, and keeps his goods constantly moving.

He was born in Melrose Township in 1876 and grew up on his father's farm there with an education supplied by the country schools. When he first came to Quincy he went to work in the Acme Mills, and was employed in the milling department for ten years. From that he entered the grocery business under the name of Kiem Brothers. The original firm of Kiem Brothers consisted of Fred Kiem, William J. Kiem and Arthur E. Kiem. William J. is now in business for himself at 121 North Fifth Street, while Arthur has a store at the corner of Sixth and Elm Streets.

The Kiem family was established in Adams County by Valentine Kiem, grandfather of the Kiem Brothers. Valentine was born in Germany March 6, 1828, was educated in the schools of his native country and in 1847 came to America and soon afterwards settled in Melrose Township of Adams County. There on February 23, 1851, he married Miss Mary Ulrich, who was born October 6, 1833, in the same locality as her husband. They were thrifty and hard working people, and in section 9 of Melrose Township accumulated and improved a fine farm of a quarter of a section. Valentine Kiem was a democrat in politics, a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and he and his wife had five children. He died at the age of fifty-seven and his widow passed away at eighty-four.

Mr. Fred Kiem is a son of Christian and Ella (Pape) Kiem. His mother is a sister of William H. Pape of a well known Adams County family. Christian Kiem and his wife were both born in Adams County. The latter died at the old home in Melrose Township in 1888 when only about thirty-three years of age. Christian Kiem is now living retired at Quincy at the age of sixty-seven. He has two brothers still living, William G. and Valentine J., both married and living in Adams County, and a sister Mary, wife of Lambert Fredericks of Adams County.

Fred Kiem married in Quincy in 1908 Miss Edith Petrie. She was born in Adams County in 1890 and was educated in the city schools. Her parents were William H. and Elizabeth J. (Pfanschmidt) Petrie, both natives of Germany. They were farming people in Adams County and spent their lives here, where they died at the age of seventy. Mr. and Mrs. Kiem have one daughter Marian Elizabeth, born August 25, 1916.

JOSEPH H. BECKMAN, WILLIAM BECKMAN, JOHN SCHNELL. Some of the most valuable tracts of farm land in Fall Creek Township represent the labors and



enterprise of the Beckman and Schnell families. The purpose of this record is to trace briefly the individual names of these families, and indicate the labors and influences which emanated from them as Adams County citizens.

The late Joseph H. Beckman was born in Westphalia, Germany, November 12, 1835, and died at his home in Adams County June 19, 1895, at the age of sixty years. He came to the United States when sixteen years of age. The head of the family at that time was his widowed mother. His two sisters Minnie and Hannah also accompanied him and another brother William. Henry Beckman, an older brother, had arrived in Adams County the previous year, and spent most of his life near Tioga in Hancock County. William Beckman took up the trade of cooper, later was a farmer in Fall Creek Township, served with credit in the Civil war, and died in the Soldiers' Home at Quincy.

Joseph H. Beckman was one of the many German immigrants who responded to the call for troops to put down the rebellion. He served three years three months with the Third Illinois Cavalry. He was first in the three months' service under General Wood, and then re-enlisted for three years. He was slightly wounded once by a piece of shell.

On November 30, 1864, after getting his honorable discharge from the army, Joseph H. Beckman married Minnie Stieghorst. She was eight years of age when she came from her birthplace near Bielfeldt, Germany, with her parents, Bernard and Minnie (Niebauer) Stieghorst. Her father was a linen weaver and the Stieghorst family lived at Quincy for many years. Minnie Stieghorst was eighteen years of age at the time of her marriage.

In the meantime Joseph Stieghorst had acquired a span of mules and that was his chief capital when he started life for himself. Prior to the war he had worked for Mr. Scranton near Mendon. He used is team of mules to haul lumber five or six years, and then for nine years lived on the Tibbetts farm in Fall Creek Township. After that he bought the present Beckman farm in that township, which was formerly owned by the Rude family. This contained about 100 acres, and on that land Joseph H. Beckman labored and toiled for the last thirty-five years of his life, making all the substantial improvements and adding much of value to the productiveness and comfort of the home. His death was the result of an accident. He had been in Quincy on business, and on leaving the city in the midst of a terrific storm his team ran off the Eighth Street hill over the bank, upsetting the vehicle, and he was so severely injured that he died three days later at the home of a neighbor to which he had been taken. Joseph H. Beckman was a very strong republican in politics and he and his wife were very active members of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church at Quincy. The Beckman farm at present has a very valuable orchard and that was set out by Mrs. Beckman three years after her husband's death. Joseph H. Beckman and wife had four sons and two daughters: William; Emma, wife of John Carr of Fall Creek Township; Amelia, Mrs. Ed Hatcher of Melrose Township; Joseph H., still at the old home; Edward, at home; and Walter, who helps his mother operate the old homestead.

William Beckman, whose home is in Melrose Township eight miles southeast of Quincy, was born at Quincy February 5, 1866, son of Joseph and Minnie (Stieghorst) Beckman. He grew up on the farm, was educated in the local schools, and lived at home with his parents until his marriage on April 11, 1894, to Miss Elizabeth Schnell, daughter of John and Magdalena (Struck) Schnell.

John and Henry Schnell, brothers, came with their parents from Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and located on the farm in Melrose Township now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William Beckman. The farm was all timber, but the labors of the Schnell family converted it into productive fields. The Schnells lived in a log house for several years. The substantial brick house on the farm at present was erected in 1878. Elizabeth Schnell was about twelve years of age when her mother died. Henry and John Schnell divided the old homestead of 160 acres between them, and John started a new set of buildings while Henry received the older improvements. Henry Schnell married Miss



Sabina Williams, and they finally retired to Quincy where he died about 1914. His widow is still living at Quincy with two daughters, Elizabeth and Lizetta.

Mr. William Beckman had bought the Schnell farm in 1907 and for several years prior to that had operated another Schnell place near Marblehead.

Magdalena Struck, wife of John Schnell, was a native of Germany and came with her parents Osmus Struck and wife to Warsaw, Illinois. Osmus Struck died there, and his widow spent her last years in Liberty Township. John Schnell's son August now owns and occupies the Schnell property near Marblehead, consisting of about 170 acres. John Schnell died September 5, 1911. His family consisted of two daughters and one son: Elizabeth; Anna, wife of Henry Keasel of Fall Creek Township; and August, who married Mollie Drawe, and has two children Virginia and Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. William Beckman have six children: Elmer, Adele, Anna, Mercedes, Frieda and Wilmer. All are at home except Elmer, who is now in the United States army with a Machine Gun Company at Camp Sheridan, Alabama. Mr. William Beckman is a republican, and he and his wife attend worship in the Congregational Church.

ANTON WIEBMER. A highly respected resident of Quincy, noteworthy for his intelligence and integrity. Anton Wiebmer has for many years been actively identified with the industrial interests of the city, and as an expert machinist has built up an extensive and flourishing business. A native of Germany, he was born December 15, 1863.

Wilhelm Wiebmer, his father, was born, lived and died in Germany. He married Theresa Beck, who, in April, 1888, came with her family to the United States, locating in Quincy. She was the mother of six children, as follows: Anton, the special subject of this sketch; Henry, of St. Paul, Minnesota; Frieda, wife of Rudolph Wich, of Quincy; Pauline, deceased; Matilda, wife of Robert Goldman, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Mrs. Elsa Edwards, of Toledo, Ohio.

Brought up and educated in Germany, Anton Wiebmer served an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade when young, and after coming to Quincy with his widowed mother worked as a journeyman machinist until 1897. Starting then in business for himself, he has since made a specialty of machine repairing of all kinds, his shop, at No. 301 South Seventh Street, being one of the busiest places to be found in Quincy.

Mr. Wiebmer married, October 22, 1887, Matilda Klenk. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wiebmer, namely: Matilda, wife of C. A. Ryniker, of Quincy; Anton, Jr., a machinist, is in business with his father, having charge of the shops; Frederick, with his father; and Frieda, wife of H. G. Krietemeyer, of Quincy. In his political affiliations, Mr. Wiebmer is a republican. Fraternally he and both of his sons are members of the Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons. His son-in-law, Mr. Krietemeyer, is also a Mason, and both he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

E. B. POTTER is president of Potter-Vaughn Company, a business with an interesting history and recognized as the largest house furnishing goods supply store on the installment plan in this section of Illinois. The business was established here under the firm name of Potter & Vaughn in 1890. When the Potter family came to Quincy in that year all the capital they could muster was \$280. E. B. Potter used this money to rent a small room on North Fifth Street and there made the beginning of a house furnishing store. He states that his stock of rugs, lace curtains and other wares might have been hauled in a large wheel barrow. It was a most modest beginning and it required courage and faith, work and sacrifice on his part to keep it going and growing, but he exhibited all these qualities, and is now head of a business of which any merchant might be proud.

The present firm has its home at 222-224 North Fifth Street, and the business has been incorporated since 1905. Mr. Potter is president and treasurer,

John J. Fisher is vice president, and C. G. Edgar is secretary. The original partner, Mr. Vaughn, a native of Terre Haute, Indiana, came to Quincy and was associated with Mr. Potter in the business for one year, when the firm dissolved partnership, but the name Vaughn has ever since been carried in the business title.

At the present time the company has in addition to its store extensive warehouses, with a capacity for holding many carloads of goods. The goods are all classified and arranged so as to expedite the handling and prompt shipment and delivery. Besides the Quincy business the company operates a similar store at Louisiana, Missouri, and also a store at Brookfield, Illinois. At Quincy fourteen people are employed in the different departments of the business, and the company also has a traveling salesman covering territory 100 miles around Quincy and reaching into Western Missouri. The substantial character of the business is further testified to by the fact that some of the employes have been with the firm for periods ranging from ten to twenty years. Mr. Potter is also owner of much improved real estate on North Fifth and Vermont streets, and has a large sales stable used by buyers who purchase horses and mules for Government purposes.

Mr. Potter was born in Basco, Hancock County, Illinois, December 6, 1869, and grew up on a farm. He also spent eleven years in Kansas during the period of hard times when drought and grasshoppers afflicted the settlers and during those eleven years the family succeeded in raising only two real crops. From Kansas the Potters returned to Basco, Illinois, and it was from that locality that Mr. Potter came to Quincy.

His father Robert J. Potter was a son of R. John Potter who lived and died on a farm in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Robert J. Potter was born in Westmoreland County in 1843, grew up there as a farm boy and during the Civil war served three years eleven months in the One Hundred and Forty-Second Pennsylvania Infantry. He was in many hard fought battles, and at Gettysburg the drum of one ear was burst and he lost his hearing in that organ the rest of his life. He had many narrow escapes from danger and spent his last years in the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, where he died in 1910. Robert J. Potter married in Hancock County, Illinois, Benna E. Rohrbaugh, who was born in that county seventy-three years ago and is now living in California, still retaining her vigor of mind and body. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church as was her husband, and he was a strong republican.

At Quincy in 1902 Mr. E. B. Potter married Miss L. Edith Bunting. Mrs. Potter was born in the house where she now resides at the corner of Twelfth and Kentucky streets and has spent all her life in this city. She is a daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Tilton) Bunting. Her father was born in New Jersey and was directly descended from Jarvis Bunting, a prominent Quaker colonist, and she is also related to the William Penn lineage. The Buntings have an interesting history of many generations in England and America, and at one time the family had its coat of arms. Mrs. Potter's mother was a native of Kentucky, and her parents married at Quincy, where her father died at the age of sixty-eight and her mother at sixty. She was active in the Methodist Church while Mr. Bunting was a Quaker and a republican. The old Bunting home was constructed just after the Civil war and was the first residence in that part of the city, which was then known as a cow pasture. The house adjoins the old Historical Society Home. Mr. and Mrs. Potter have one daughter, Winifred May, fifteen years of age and a student in high school. Mr. and Mrs. Potter are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he is affiliated with the local lodge of Masons.

FRED FRIKE. Someone has described success in the following words: "He has achieved success who has lived well; laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he



found it; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's duty or failed to express it; has always looked for the best in others and gave the best he had; whose life was an inspiration, whose memory is a benediction."

A great many people in Adams County came to know and appreciate these qualities in the late Fred Frike. He did much to make his name respected in business circles, but even more to earn the love and admiration of the people around him. Mr. Frike was born at Barry in Pike County, Illinois, December 21, 1856, son of Fred G. and Anna (Bradshaw) Frike. His father was born, reared and educated in Germany, and just before becoming subject to military duty left for the United States, accompanied by his parents and a sister and joined his brother Christ, a cooper by trade, at Barry, Illinois, who spent his last years there and died at the age of sixty. Christ's children were: Evaline, wife of William Grubb, who lives at Barry and has a family of children; and Mrs. Dora McIntyre, widow of John McIntyre, also living at Barry, and of her two sons Harry Frike McIntyre is married and has children, while J. Christ died at the age of twenty-one. Fred G. Frike after reaching Barry spent several years in the cooper's occupation. He married there Miss Anna Bradshaw, and thirteen or fourteen years later moved to Beverly in Adams County, locating on a farm. Four years later he transferred his residence to Fowler, where he continued in business until his death. His wife was a Baptist, and both were highly respected people.

Fred Frike grew up in the different places above mentioned and lived with his parents to the age of sixteen. He finished his education at Fowler, and later paid his own way through the Gem City Business College. At Coatsburg Mr. Frike entered the dry goods business, and from the day he started was well on the way to success. He sold goods there to an enlarging circle of friends and patrons for over thirty years. He finally retired in 1914 and moved to Quincy, where he bought the fine brick home known as the Judge Marsh Estate at 818 North Fifth Street. He lived there until his death two years later. Mr. Frike was a democrat.

His outstanding characteristic was his generosity. This was shown in behalf of the poor and needy, and also in many ways and forms of helpfulness to his friends and family. He was a most devoted husband and father, and his essential nobility expressed itself in thousands of acts of kindness.

Mr. Frike married at St. Louis in 1911, after a romantic courtship of a few days, Miss Emily J. Crane. Mrs. Frike, who still resides at the old home, 818 North Fifth Street, was born at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, in 1869. She is in the seventh generation of the Crane family in America. The Cranes came out of England and were pioneers in New England and the State of Connecticut (Weatherfield). Her grandfather, Elihu Crane, and two brothers were among the first settlers in Northwestern Pennsylvania in Erie County. Elihu Crane settled there about 1798 and in 1800 he and his brother Fowler laid out the town-site of Cranesville, where they had a tavern, store and some other local industries. James E. Crane, father of Mrs. Frike, was born in Erie County ninety years ago, and became prominent in business affairs in Western Pennsylvania as a lumber manufacturer. In 1876 he transferred his enterprise to Western Kansas, buying a large tract of several hundred acres at Kinsley on the old Santa Fe trail. He occupied it during the two years of almost continuous drought, when not a drop of rain fell for twenty-two months, and also endured the devastating grasshopper plague. His was one of the very few families in that county which did not have to resort to some sort of public or state aid during that calamitous period. From Kansas James E. Crane moved to Siloam Springs in Northwestern Arkansas, and there his wife died in 1890, at the age of fifty-five. Mrs. Frike was one of ten children. James E. Crane married a second wife, and resided at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, where he died January 26, 1919, at the age of ninety years, twelve days.

Mrs. Frike at the age of twenty-nine graduated from the St. Luke's Training School for Nurses, class of 1897, in St. Louis, Missouri, and for some years before



her marriage was active as a nurse in St. Luke's Hospital under Surgeon Mudd. Her skill was called into service to handle cases for many of the best known people in the Middle West.

Mr. and Mrs. Frike had two children: Emily Ann, who was born in the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium at St. Louis November 14, 1912, and Helen Julia, born at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis July 20, 1914.

The late Fred Frike was a man of exceptional energy and of varied talents. In business he was quick, ready in decision and prompt in action, and was well known all over the southeastern part of Adams County in a business way. He was very congenial with his friends, and it was only in his acts of generosity and helpfulness that he sought to cover up his actions, and that not through any lack of frankness but through the true spirit of charity. He was a man of strong likes and dislikes, was very temperate in his habits, and was devoted to his home, loving his wife and family as few men did. He died very suddenly and unexpectedly. He was in the Burlington Railway Station with his arms loaded with bundles and presents for his wife and babies when he dropped dead at Coatsburg, Illinois.

One of his chief characteristics was a love for old things, especially those of artistic value and with some individual associations. The first toy cannon given him when he was five years of age and when the Civil war was in progress he kept to the end of his life. He also had many other similar trinkets, including a pocket mirror, a baseball he had made when a boy, and several articles of old furniture. He also carefully planned and preserved the hides of some favorite animals he had owned, and used them as rugs or mats. Mrs. Frike has very similar tastes and sympathies, and their marriage was one based on extreme congeniality as well as complete affection and confidence. Mrs. Frike has a number of heirlooms handed down through her old American and New England family. These include a pair of old candle snuffers which go back to colonial days. She and her husband had also gathered many articles of interest in their travels, and these she carefully preserves. Mrs. Frike has one of the most interesting homes in Quincy.

DAVID N. MARKILLIE is one of the older business men and public spirited citizens of Quincy, and for over ten years has served as superintendent of public works in the city government. He was first appointed to that office in 1906 under Mayor John H. Best, and in 1917 Mayor Thompson reappointed him. His work has given satisfaction to the citizens of Quincy interested in an efficient administration of the local utilities and his term of service has been characterized by many progressive ideas. Mr. Markillie introduced the first street sweeper into Quincy, and also the first macadam streets were built under his direction. He had considerable difficulty in convincing a considerable number of citizens of the wisdom of this program, but most of those who were at one time opposed are now strongly in favor of his ideas and practices.

Mr. Markillie has been a resident of Quincy for eighteen years. Before entering upon his public duties he was in the feed business at 416-420 North Fifth Street. He has always been active in local affairs and local politics.

Mr. Markillie was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, in 1853. He grew up there, and was one of the first students in Whipple Academy at Jacksonville. In 1889 he moved to Hancock County, Illinois, and was a farmer in that locality until he removed to Quincy in 1901. Mr. Markillie's grandfather was a native of England and on coming to the United States located in Kentucky, where he married a German girl. Their son Abraham was born in Kentucky in 1827, and three years later the family moved to Scott County, near the line of Morgan County, Illinois. Here the Markillies cleared up a good farm.

Abraham Markillie grew up in Scott County, followed the life of a farmer, and in Morgan County married Margaret Funk, member of the old and prominent Funk family of Illinois. She was born in Morgan County, in Lynnville, where her parents, Nimrod and Eva Funk, were pioneer settlers and early farm-

ers. Abraham Markillie and wife after their marriage lived on the Markillie homestead in Scott County, but finally retired and spent their last years in Winchester. Abraham Markillie died on his seventy-first birthday and his wife passed away a few months after she was seventy-one years of age. They were members of the Christian Church and he was a republican. During his youth he enjoyed the acquaintance of Abraham Lincoln, while his older brother, Thomas Markillie, was a particularly good friend of that Illinois statesman and they sometimes hunted together. David N. Markillie has one living sister, Ada, widow of Henry Langford of Winchester.

In Morgan County Mr. Markillie married Sarah J. Angelo. She was a native of that county and grew up in the same neighborhood with Mr. Markillie. She finished her education at Jacksonville. Mr. and Mrs. Markillie had six children. The daughter Maud is now deceased. Alpha lives in Carthage, Illinois, and is married and has a son, Ellis, and a daughter, Catherine. Edgar B. is married and lives in California. Dennis, a resident of Basco, Illinois, has a son, Abraham, and a daughter, Martha. Guy T. is a merchant at Quincy, and by his first marriage has a son, Clyde, and by his present wife a daughter, Marjorie May. Earl A. is in business at Detroit, Michigan, and is married but has no children.

JOHN C. ORDING. A man of liberal views, energetic and enterprising, John C. Ording, of Quincy, has long been identified with the industrial and commercial interests of the city, at the present time being secretary, treasurer and office manager for the firm of J. H. Duker & Brother Company. A son of Henry Ording, he was born in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois, October 24, 1865.

A native of Hanover, Germany, Henry Ording immigrated to America in 1856, and immediately took up his residence in Quincy, Illinois. Learning the trade of a cabinet maker, he followed it for about twenty years, and then embarked in the grocery business. Being elected sheriff of Adams County in 1878, he served acceptably for two years, after which he was for two years prosperously engaged in the feed business. In 1882 he was appointed chief of police, and served the city in that capacity for six years, performing the duties devolving upon him faithfully and efficiently. He subsequently lived retired from the activities of business until his death, February 25, 1912. His wife, whose maiden name was Caroline Glass, was born and educated in Quincy, where she is still a resident. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Henry, of Quincy; Mary, widow of H. Tossick; John C., with whom this sketch is chiefly concerned; Charles J., of Chicago; Carrie, wife of Lyle Beers, of Chicago; Joseph B., deceased; Antoinette, a Sister in the Notre Dame Order in Saint Louis; August B., of Quincy; August C., and a daughter, Clara, who both died in infancy.

Laying a good foundation for his future education when a boy, John C. Ording entered his father's office in the Court Building when fifteen years of age, and while there employed gained experience and knowledge of value. Desirous, however, of continuing his studies, he subsequently attended Saint Boniface and Saint Francis colleges, and the Gem City Business College. Thus fitted for a business career, Mr. Ording was for three years clerk in a steamboat office. For seven years thereafter he was clerk for George Fischer, who was engaged in the hardware business. Retiring from that, Mr. Ording became associated with the George H. Stahl Incubator Works as bookkeeper and German correspondent, a position of importance which he filled for thirteen years. In 1904 he accepted his present position as secretary, treasurer and office manager for the J. H. Duker & Brother Company, which was incorporated in that year, and has since been officially identified with the wholesale liquor trade of the city.

Mr. Ording married, October 25, 1895, Anna M. Duker, a daughter of John H. and Clara Elizabeth Glass Duker. Of their union three children have



been born, namely: Sylvia M., Adelia M., and Elvira M. Politically Mr. Ordning invariably casts his ballot in favor of the democratic party. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Ordning are members of the Saint Boniface Catholic Church.

ALBERT BERNARD JANSEN is a progressive and enterprising Quincy merchant, and the work and achievement of the few years he has spent in business are a definite promise as to large and continued success in the future.

Mr. Jansen represents an honored old family name of Quincy and was born in this city December 28, 1890, son of Frederick and Mary (Meiner) Jansen. His father was a native of Hanover, Germany, and his mother of Quincy. Frederick Jansen came to America as a young man, having learned the trade of carriage maker in the old country. At Quincy he went into partnership with Mr. Triplet in a wagon shop on Tenth and Maine streets, and this business he continued practically until his death, which occurred on August 7, 1904. The mother is still living in Quincy. In the family are eight children: Fred, of Quincy; Henry J., Rudolph, Albert and Otto, all deceased; Angelina, wife of George Welton, of Quincy; Albert B.; and Gustave, who is associated in business with his brother Albert.

Albert B. Jansen secured his education in Quincy at the parochial schools. When only fourteen years of age he went to work in a drug store, and two years later began helping his brother Henry J. in a butcher shop and grocery store. At the death of his brother he took over the business and has carried it forward with increasing results and prosperity, having one of the best patronized establishments on Eighth Street. He is a member of St. John Catholic Church, is a democrat in politics, and is affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles and other local societies. He was married on November 11, 1914.

HENRY H. HEIDBREDER. Conspicuous among the homes of Ellington Township is that of Henry H. Heidbreder, who owns one farm of 120 acres in section 16 and another of forty acres in section 20. Both are well improved. The homestead has a fine set of farm buildings, all of them erected by Mr. Heidbreder. The barn is 24 by 42 feet, and he has a good eight-room house. The other farm has a barn 40 by 42 feet and a nine-room house. The farm is productive of fine crops and also good live stock. Mr. Heidbreder is manager of the imported Percheron stallion Piston, and a fine Missouri bred jack called William H. Mr. Heidbreder has been a resident of Ellington Township since early childhood. He was born in Quincy February 12, 1868, and six weeks later his parents moved to Ellington Township and he grew up on the farm which he now owns. His father, John P. Heidbreder, was born in Hanover of Lutheran ancestry. About 1850 the family came to the United States, crossing the ocean by sailing vessel, and from New Orleans journeying up the Mississippi River to Quincy. John Heidbreder's parents died a year or two after settling in Adams County, and two of their children also died about the same time. The other five sons all grew up and married and died in Adams County except one son, William, who passed away in Missouri. All these sons left children. Their names were Henry, William, John P., Herman and Captain Casper. The last served through the Civil war and was captain of his company.

John P. Heidbreder was quite young when his parents died, and he grew up among strangers in Adams County. He learned the trade of cooper and was thus employed during the early years of the Civil war. He was deeply interested in the success of the Union cause, and when his brother raised Company H at Quincy in 1864 John enlisted in the company and served until the close of the war. After the war he followed the cooper's trade three years and then bought his homestead in section 16 of Ellington Township. He lived on it and prospered there for twenty-five years, when he retired to Quincy and died in that city in 1902, at the age of sixty-five. He held a number of



local positions and trusts and was a well known man both in Ellington Township and Quincy. John P. Heidbreder married Frederica Stockhecker. She was born in Germany about 1845 and came to the United States with her mother. Her mother lived to be nearly 100 years old. Frederica Stockhecker was a good wife and mother for over thirty years and died in Quincy in 1898. She and her husband were both members of St. James Lutheran Church.

Henry H. Heidbreder was the third of eight children, all still living and all married but one. Mr. Heidbreder married in Ellington Township Sophia Beekman. She was born in Adams County, was educated in the Franklin School and was employed in Quincy up to the time of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Heidbreder's oldest child, Harvey, born January 25, 1894, was educated in the home township and is now occupying one of his father's farms. He married in Quincy Miss Ada Althiede, who was born and reared in Quincy. Harvey Heidbreder and wife have one son, Virgil H., born October 7, 1916. Otis J. Heidbreder, the second son, was born August 31, 1896. He attended the Central Rural School and in September, 1918, enlisted in Company B of the First B. N. Infantry, being trained at Camp Grant, but now at Waco, Texas. Ruth, born April 28, 1898, is a graduate of the grammar schools, and is one of the youthful widows made so on account of the war. Her husband, James E. Durst, who was a limited service soldier, died at Camp Grant October 3, 1918, at the age of twenty-four.

The Heidbreder family are all members of the Lutheran Memorial Church. Mr. Heidbreder is township collector and has served as assessor and in other local offices.

CHARLES W. JOHNSON is senior partner of the firm of Johnson & Plank, who have some unusual distinctions among the automobile men of Quincy. For a number of years they have handled some of the leading makes of automobiles and tractors and trucks. It is to their credit that they established the first garage in the City of Quincy. That was fourteen years ago, when automobiles as passenger cars were first coming into use and when the word garage was on few people's tongues. From time to time they have handled the different makes of the best cars on the market, and have occupied several locations as garages. In 1917 they came to their present home on Jersey Street near Herald Square and Masonic Building, and here have a splendidly equipped garage 50 by 150 feet. They specialize in the Studebaker passenger cars, and also are local agents for the well known Baring tractor, and also represent the Scripps-Booth small car and the Sandow and G. M. C. trucks.

Mr. Johnson was born in Quincy July 14, 1888. He was reared and educated here, attending the public schools, and early went out to make his own way in the world. He was a small boy when his father White Johnson died. His widowed mother is still living at Quincy. Mr. Johnson has three sisters. Catherine, who was born in Missouri, came to Quincy with her parents and was well educated. When a young girl, she took up clerical work, was employed for a time by the Weems Laundry in Quincy, later by the Sterns Clothing Company, and for the past three years has been in the office of her brother in the firm of Johnson & Plank. Laura is the wife of A. H. Weaver, who is associated with his father in the Weaver Machine Shops of Quincy. Miss Elizabeth A. is a stenographer with the Reliable Poultry Journal of Quincy. These sisters are all members of the Christian Church.

Mr. Johnson married at Clayton, Illinois, Augusta Jefferson, daughter of T. E. and Elizabeth (Hursong) Jefferson. Her father is one of the most widely known farmers and stock raisers in this part of Illinois. He is a feeder of cattle, raises some high grade Belgian horses and conducts a flourishing business under the name T. E. Jefferson & Son. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have no children. He is senior warden of Lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at Quincy and his wife is active in the musical affairs of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. A. E. Plank, junior member of the firm of Johnson & Plank, was born

at Wooster, Ohio, was well educated and from early life followed mechanical trades. He developed expert ability as an automobile mechanic, and was the first man to come to Quincy who thoroughly understood the mechanical construction and all phases of automobile machinery repairs. He is married and has two sons, Browning and Richard. Mr. Plank is also affiliated with the Masonic Order.

DAVID F. WILCOX. In the Court of Last Resort, where the All Wise will apply the test for true success to human life, the finite mind can conceive of no fairer gauge than would be implied by the question, Did you gather good friends and keep them through balm and storm? In the judgment of thoughtful and well-meaning persons the nature of the answer spells the degree of that success which is only worthwhile at the last. And the man or woman who has reached that viewpoint of life has commenced to take on a calm and a dignity which nothing can deeply disturb.

Forty-four years in one community makes a long period in which to apply this simple yet conclusive test, and David F. Wilcox, as much as any citizen of Quincy, has withstood it, and each year and hour that he lives his success in making good friends and keeping them becomes more pronounced. It simply means that there is no pretense about him and that friends worth having have become firmly convinced of it by years of experience.

Mr. Wilcox comes of a sturdy Rhode Island family and was born in Harford Mills, Courtland County, New York, on the 27th of October, 1851. His parents were Daniel and Angeline Wilcox, and the father, who came West in 1858, was for many years one of the owners and publishers of the Janesville (Wisconsin) Gazette. In 1867, with A. M. Thomson and W. G. Roberts, he organized a stock company that took over the Milwaukee Sentinel, Daniel Wilcox being the business manager. In 1874 the father purchased the Quincy (Illinois) Whig, his two sons, Chester A. and David F., being associated with him in the business. Daniel Wilcox, the father, died in 1878, the mother in 1904 and the brother in 1899.

David F. Wilcox was first educated in the public schools of Janesville and at the University of Wisconsin. But his practical intellectual training commenced with his work as a reporter on the Milwaukee Sentinel. He was one of the publishers of the Quincy Whig from January 1, 1874, to July 1, 1898. After the father's death in 1878 the two brothers carried on the business for twenty years, or until it was sold to a stock company made up of representative business men of Quincy. In the following year (1899) Mr. Wilcox was appointed postmaster of the city, serving thus until 1914. During that long period of service the postal accommodations of Quincy were largely extended and thoroughly organized, and the Government Building was enlarged and remodeled. The postmastership is the only public office which he has ever held, although since his young manhood he has been active in promoting the interests of the republican party, and his father was one of its founders in the State of Wisconsin.

Outside of his official and newspaper relationships Mr. Wilcox has been persistently and continuously identified with the higher activities of his home city. He has been well known as a Mason for a period of more than forty years, having been identified with Lambert Lodge since 1876 and Quincy Chapter and El Aksa and Quincy commanderies, Knights Templar, since 1881. For many years he has also been a trustee of Woodland Orphan Home, the Associated Charities and the Young Men's Christian Association. As one of the reorganizers of the last named, he served as its first vice president for five years and was chairman of the furnishing committee for the new building of the Young Men's Christian Association, which was completed in 1911 at a cost of \$115,000. He has also served for many years as a trustee of the Vermont Street Baptist Church, with which he has been prominently identified.

David F. Wilcox was married at Kalamazoo, Michigan, on September 13, 1876, to Miss Emma F. Hodge, daughter of Rev. M. G. Hodge, D. D., for a

long term of years one of the most widely known men in the Baptist denomination. During his pastorate the Hanson Place Baptist Church was built at Brooklyn, New York, but his health requiring a change of climate from that prevailing on the Atlantic Coast Dr. Hodge filled pastorates at Janesville, Wisconsin, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Milwaukee. Since coming to Quincy Mrs. Wilcox has been active and prominent in its church and social life. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, as follows: Myra, wife of Dr. Kirk Shawgo; Harriet, wife of Charles L. Bartlett, who passed away in 1908; and Chester H., treasurer of the Quincy Casket Company, who married Helen Guinan, daughter of John Guinan, of Quincy, and they have one son, John Guinan Wilcox.





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